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GRAND SESSION OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF COLORED MEN AND WOMEN OF AMERICA, AT MACEDONIA A. M. E. CHURCH, FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA.

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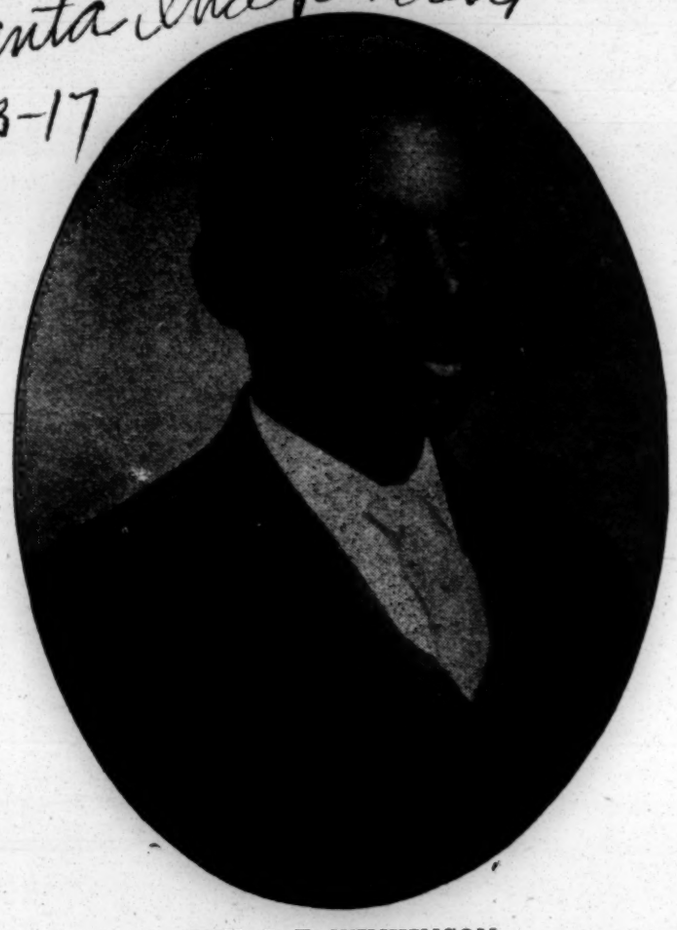

REV. J .T. WINKINSON.

Kansas City's famous Tennis S tars who "cleaned up" St. Louis this week.

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Rev. J. A. Nelson, Grand Master of Colored Masons.

ARMOND W. SCOTT
Grand Exalted Ruler, I. B. P. O. E.

Kansas City Sun

Mr. L. H. Lightner, Supreme Clerk for the American Woodmen, who held its fourth quadrenniel session at Denver, Colo., August 13-18.

The colored Knights of Pythias of Georgia have held their annual session. They report an income of $177. 656, expenditures of $64,037 and a balance on hand of $113,627.

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The colored Elks have a membership of 20,000. In 200 lodges, with $30,000 in property. They have spent $15,000 in the last few years to protect themselves against litigation by the white order.

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INGRAM AND DAVIS ARE RESTORED

The Atlanta Journal

At last the S. C. M. has seen their woeful blunder in attempting to revoke the charter of D. G. L. No. 18, of Georgia, G. U. O. O. F., and now in the most cowardly manner seek to make amends by claiming to restore the charter at its meeting last week. It is indeed commendable of that set of fools to see the folly of their diabolical scheme, even at this late date, and manifest enough courage and integrity to openly confess to the world that they committed a miserable wrong against an isnocent District Grand Lodge and an upright and prosperous people.

Of course, it is a farce in its true sense, but to be charitable unto them and view the whole matter from their angle, and granting that they did restore the charter of D. G. L. No. 18, as they claim, the conditions in Georgia would appear just as they were when they revoked the charter; every officer, every law, every wrong then existing, the state of anarchy, as they claimed, and every part and working plan interwoven into the operations of the Order in the state come automatically into existence in their regular order and standing.

The restoration of the charter brings Ingram and Davis back just where they were when the S. C. M. snatched ruthlessly in their madness, the charter from the state; they re-establish the division meetings, revive all endowment laws, put our farm back into operation and in fact, placed us just as if nothing had happened. Accepting their actions, the laws find many of those who are fighting to kill the Order in Georgia out of the fold on account of failure to pay their dues.

The S. C. M. has made itself ridiculous before the entire brotherhood in America by its ignorance of the laws and its inefficiency to cope with the progress of the energetic states in the Union. They have pronounced progress insubordination, anarchy and crime against the will and understanding of the S. C. M.

The great accumulations in Georgia set their greedy maws to lust and they began to pant for our earnings, knowing that they could not get the property if Ingram and Davis are in the saddle, they, fired by jealously and hate for them, because they had made good and delivered the goods, built up the pride of all fraternal endeavor in Odd Fellows realms in America, declared that both should die, even if the whole state must be destroyed. We must have the money at any cost and ruin to anybody or any cause, they swore, and thus they began.

They have done their most damnable, fiendish, wretched and vile acts to get their hands on the property of the Order in Georgia, but so far they have failed. There never was any reason for all this trouble which they gave us, except their lust for money and their purpose to kill what ambition we had for promotion in the ranks of the Order.

Let us be fair with ourselves and charitable with this gang of merciless wretches in viewing the situation in its true light, as the facts reveal themselves. Now, why did the S. C. M. revoke the charter? Have they ever told us? Was the D. G. L. charged with any offense, or was there any complaint made against it at all? No! And we know these facts to be true. Can any executive body speak out of existence any subordinate branch when there are prescribed rules for the government of all concerned? Are there any laws in the General Laws of the Order giving the S. C. M. rights to revoke charters—even for relief or reward? The revoking of the charter was simply a farce and the madness of fools; and the S. C. M. ought to come clean now, since they have confessed their wrongs by attempting to restore the charter which they tried to steal. They should tell the whole truth, confess in full, shame the devil and plead for forgiveness for their wickedness, and say boldly that they had no right to revoke nor any right to restore the charter of the D. G. L. No. 18.

If we could accept the actions of the S. C. M. in restoring the charter we would find ourselves just where we were when they revoked it, with only the injury and cost to suffer. The checking of our progress, the loss of members, the loss of friendship among our membership and loss of money caused by this wrong could soon be overcome and our prosperous going could soon be established and the Order would flourish again in Georgia a the green bay tree. But there i nothing to their revocation of th charter nor to the restoration of it Their sayings are no more in thi matter than the hooting of an owl.

The D. G. L. and all of its affairs are in the custody of the courts of Georgia. The S. C. M. kicked us out of its keeping and made the D. G. L. an exile, helpless and homeless, and Georgia gave it shelter within its authority and threw around it the strong arm of its law, to protect, foster and cherish until it could recover from its afflictions and stand upon its own feet. And there we abide today, awaiting the decision of the courts which will pronounce our future goings. How dare the S. C. M. to attempt to blot out the authority of the laws of the land which govern all things, and tell men to ignore the laws of their state, override the decree of the courts, disregard men or God and obey its mandates!

It is a pity that the S. C. M. will not come to Georgia and attempt to do the things it advises its allies to do. The S. C. M. has so more control over the D. G. L. affairs now than the Kaiser in Germany, and they would fare just about as well here if they were to come and attempt to do what they tell their agents here to do, as the Kaiser would fare.

It is a money scheme and the S C. M. has lost out in its attempt to get money by revoking the charter It planned and tried every way possible to get money while the state of ruin existed by revoking the charter and now when they see that the Lodges are awake to their scheme and are going to meet and shape their business to suit themselves in Georgia they assemble and restore the same old bad charter with the hope of getting their fingers in the pie at the last minute. The S. C. M. knew they could not restore what they had not taken.

The presumption is that there are fools somewhere. The S. C. M. surely thinks they are in Georgia, or they must be in the S. C. M. Ingram and Davis have stood their ground like men, bared their breast to every dart of the enemies, defended the trust given them at Athens by the brethren endured the rebuke and treachery of the S. C. M., but in the midst of the fierce conflict they had stood the torture and are on their way to the D. G. L. at Macon, August 14, to report to the brethren their doings and experiences since we left Athens.

The fiery darts of the enemies fell fast and furious about the executives since last we met. Three of trusted ones fled and deserted the trust given them; they have joined the foes in their assault against the fold. But Ingram and Davis have stayed by their trust. They have suffered death at the hands of the enemies to keep safe the property and money placed in their keeping for the dependents of their brethren. Verily, it is true as the Bible declares, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The facts in our matters as they stand now are too plain to be mistaken by anybody. The courts have decreed that the action of the S. C M. with reference to revoking the charter was void and illegal, and they have been enjoined from interferring with the affairs of the D. G. L. in Georgia. They can say anything in Philadelphia, but they cannot come to Georgia and say the same things here nor can they do or attempt to do wha they tell others to do.

The S. C. M. has tried its mone scheme on the Lodges all over th state since they see that the Lodges are aware of the game. They have sent accounts, with added fines of $5 to $10 to the Lodges and threatened to suspend them if the money was not sent up at once. Many Lodges were charged as high as $30 and $40, including fines for the Journal and taxes arrears. The S. C. M. saw the Lodges were going their way to take care of their own business and they wanted money before they left. Did not your Lodge get one of these accounts?

The charter was not revoked, nor has it been restored. I have the charter and will bring it to you at the D. G. L., August 14. We will assemble under it by the protection of the laws of Georgia, without fear or trembling of the S. C. M.

B. S. INGRAM, D. G. M.

NEGRO FUNCTION LIKE A SHADOW OF V. P. BALLS

ST LOUIS MO POST-DISPATCH
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Elite of Black Race From All Over Country at Pythian Affair in Coliseum.

EVERYONE VERY CORRECT

Dancing Lasts Until Late in the Morning After Impressive Grand March.

Sable swelldom from all over the country foregathered in its best array last night at the Coliseum, to attend the military ball of the negro Knights of Pythias, now holding their biennial convention in this city. It was no doubt the most ambitious social function ever undertaken among negroes in this country.

The spectacle, occurring in the same auditorium used by the late Veiled Prophet, might be likened to a shadow cast by the festivities of that lamented dignitary. Most of the forms of the original ceremonies were faithfully delineated.

As early as 8:30 o'clock taxicabs and limousines began rolling up to the Coliseum. There was a functionary to throw open the doors of the cars with a flourish, and to distribute cards bearing the call numbers.

All Fashionably Garbed.

The passengers dismounting were garbed a la mode, the men wearing silk hats and the women opera cloaks. The one ray of light against the dusky background was afforded by the Knights in their white dress uniforms.

Having removed their wraps, the women stood forth in all the glory of decollete, and the men in the resplendence of white shirt bosoms. Not a few of the gowns were handsome, but they ran mostly to sober colors, like blue. The expected creations in scarlet were conspicuous by their absence.

It was no uninteresting sight to behold the darksome belles lounging in fashionable attitudes in boxes, with just the proper hint of hauteu, and their cavaliers bowing before them with a studied regard to every punctilio of etiquette. Indeed, the behavior on all hands might have served as a model of manners.

Careful as to Language.

The phrases in which they conversed, the sentences in which invitations to dance were couched might have been and probably were memorized from some manual of good form.

Each belle was provided with a dance program, and it was not unamusing to note the mingled pride and affected indifference with which those fortunate enough to have every number taken displayed the lists to their more unluckly sisters Such things have, perhaps, occurred in other society.

These dusky glasses of fashion and moulds of form did not commit the social blunder of plunging at once into the dancing. Most of them sat with a fine air of lofty apathy during the first three or four numbers, and looked down with a sort of amused tolerance upon the half-dozen or so couples who, whirling about the floor, were defying the conventions.

Arena Soon Crowded.

But at last everybody swarmed

down into the arena and dance after dance was performed with remarkable zest and vim, to which the jazzful music of the First Regiment Band of the Pythians from Chicago contributed vigorously. It was voted that most of the negroes danced extremely well. They were intimate with the latest steps, and also proceeded without a falter through intricate square dances like the lancers and reel.

The event of the evening was the grand march, led by Albert Hall with imposing state. The first couple were Maj.-Gen. Robert R. Jackson and his wife. He is supreme commander of the uniformed rank of the Knights of Pythias.

Proudly the long line trod the circuit of the auditorium, it requiring about a quarter of an hour to pass. Not a one was so gauche as to permit a hint of the cakewalk to enter into his steps.

Then the dance program was resumed and the festivities continued until well after midnight. It was evident that the Knights in their uniforms were the favored cavaliers. About 4000 persons, including a scattering of white guests in boxes, were present.

I. W. W. TROUBLE IN BUTTE IS REVIVAL OF OLD UNION FEUD

Haywood Followers Oppose Former Moyer Men as They Did in 1914.

President Wilson has sent Chief Justice Covington of the District of Columbia Supreme Court through the western regions where Industrial Workers of the World have caused disturbances that culminated in lynching, deportations, arson and wholesale arrests. Judge Covington will report to the President on the causes and remedies for the discontent.

The St. Louis Star sent Staff Correspondent Benjamin E. Ling over the same territory with instructions to make an impartial investigation and report his findings, which will thus indicate the facts Judge Covington has discovered. Ling has been gone ten days His first article follows:

BY BENJAMIN E. LING.

BUTTE, MONT., Aug. 18.—(Special Mail)—I find centered in this mining town nearly all the industrial strife that for several months has crippled the great copper camps of Montana, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, and that had led to lynchings of I. W. W. leaders, deportations of I. W. W. members, and charges that this "revolutionary" labor organization is financed by German gold.

From Butte "Wobbly" orators and agitators have penetrated the copper regions of the West, stirring up strikes.

In Butte the I. W. W. have waged their fight to break up the old Western Federation of Miners, now known as the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

In their fight against the mine owners the I. W. W. has sought to wreck every organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. This has become a three-cornered fight between the American Federation of Labor unions, the "Wobblies" and the mining magnates.

Copper Output Lessened.

Result: At the moment of the government's large demand for copper, the output has been seriously curtailed by strikes.

An indication of the intensity of feeling was evidenced here in the lynching a fortnight ago of Frank Little, an I. W. W. leader.

The I. W. W. leaders called out 12,000 miners here, though less than

NEGROES ALIVE TO NATION'S PROBLEMS

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JULY 20, 1917

Order of Good Shepherds Passes Resolutions of Loyalty

Resolutions asserting that the negro, as a part of the great American government, was alive to its every interest and vitally concerned in all its probems, were passed by the 500 delegates attending the twelfth annual session of the United Order of Good Shepherds at Thirgood Memorial Colored Methodist church late yesterday afternoon. The resolution were read by Dr. A. F. Owens, dean of Selma university.

"Representing 10,000 immediate followers in seven states in the union," read the statement, "we would counsel our people to abide in their faith in the justice and fair play of the American people. The spasmodic riots are deplored north and south alike, and it is a happy augury that the passing years sees not only a decrease of mob violence, but a growing disposition of the nation, as represented by the press and the clergy, to denounce mob violence of every kind."

The resolutions were signed by J. C. Thompson, Bishop J. W. Alstork, Ada F. Gilvan, Mary L. Chandler, John Baldwin and A. F. Owens, secretary.

A health conference featured the afternoon session with addresses by Dr. F. H. Strawbridge, Dr. R. T. Brown, Dr. M. H. Freeman of Birmingham and Dr. D. A. Stewart of Montgomery. After this conference, addresses were made by Bishop N C. Cleaves and Bishop J. W. Alstork of Montgomery. G. W. Chandler, supreme president, presided over the sessions throughout the day.

Bishop Alstork spoke last night at a big mass meeting at Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Zion church on "Consecrated Service."

Negro Knights of Pythias Holding Convention Here

ST LOUIS MO POST DISPATCH
AUG 21 1917

2,000 Are in Uniform; 10,000 Visitors and Delegates Are Expected to Be in St. Louis Before Conclave Ends Saturday.

Thousands of negroes from all parts of the United States are in St. Louis for the nineteenth biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, the encampment of the Uniform Rank of the Knights, and the conclave of the Supreme Court of the Order of Calanthe, the women's branch, all of which are being held simultaneously.

These conventions are to continue until Saturday and it is estimated by the negro leaders that more than 10,000 of their race from outside of St. Louis will come here during the week either as delegates or visitors. Among these will be many of the leaders in negro thought, education and business enterprise. At the same time those women who are known as the belles and social leaders of the race will have ample opportunity to charm and impress one another at the numerous balls, receptions and other affairs incidental to the real work of the conventions.

Brilliant Decorations.

The opening reception was held last night at the Central Baptist Church, Ewing and Washington avenues. An address of welcome was made by William T. Findly, representing Mayor Kiel, and the response was by Roscoe Conkling Simmons, noted negro orator. Simmons called attention to the patriotism of the negroes in their willingness to serve their country in this war.

Brilliant decoration of homes, store fronts and streets marks the neighborhood surrounding the Pythian Temple at 3137 Pine street, where the convention headquarters are. From every house on Pine street for several blocks both ways from the temple hang the Pythian colors, red, yellow and blue, surmounted in nearly ever case by a Pythian banner bearing the insignia of "K. of P." Wherever these colors appear the American flag also is displayed.

One of the most gorgeously decorated streets is Compton avenue, from Pine street to Market street, where the tents of the uniformed knights are pitched on the Ranken tract. There are said to be 2000 of these militarily outfitted negroes in the big camp which extends from the Compton avenue viaduct for a distance equal to two blocks west. Little white tents are pitched in long orderly rows and throughout the grounds swarm khaki uniformed negroes, for the most part big, strong straight-standing young men.

Officers in Dark Blue.

Some of the older ones are officers, wearing dark blue uniforms with yellow braid on the seams, and with sabers hanging at their sides. Wherever these officers go they are saluted and return salutes in regular military fashion. Guards are stationed at the various entrances to the camp, which is inclosed by a high canvas fence. These are armed with sabers which clank in thier scabbards as the knights pace back and forth.

Ten cents is charged visitors who wish to enter the camp. This, it is explained, is to help pay the expenses of the encampment. The chief attraction for visitors is the drills and one or more companies are to be found drilling at almost any hour for they are getting in trim for a great competitive drill to be held in the Coliseum Friday night, the first prize to be $350.

At 5:30 each afternoon a dress parade will be held in the camp grounds in which all companies will take part. This proves a great attraction for visitors. The gatekeepers, however, do not get dimes from all of them, for the Compton avenue viaduct affords an excellent elevation from which one may obtain a good view of the entire grounds. Yesterday afternoon this bridge was lined with admiring pickaninnies, their sisters and brothers and mothers, and even their fathers.

Dress Parade Friday.

The public is to be given an opportunity to see the military units at their best Friday morning when they will parade through the downtown streets. Arrangements have been made for an escort of mounted police and some of the negro officers will be mounted. All the others will be in their ebst uniforms.

The biggest social feature on the program is the ball to be held at the Coliseum Wednesday night. Big signs in the neighborhood of convention headquarters advertise it as "The Grandest Military Ball Ever." The renting of the Coliseum by the negroes for this occasion made it necessary for the second battalion of the Fifth Regiment, which had been quartered there since Aug. 5, to move out. The battalion went to the Washington University gymnasium.

Some of the spectators admiring the camp yesterday afternoon from the Compton Avenue viaduct noticed a goat grazing in the rear of one of the tents. It was an unusually large white goat—not a nanny goat—with long horns. One of the negroes shook his head and said:

"If that's the goat I've got to ride when I join the Pythians I don't want to be a Knight." Several of his neighbors held the same view.

The Official Badge.

The official badge is a bronze medalion surmounted by a spirited horse, with plenty of ribbon in the Knights' colors. The delegates upon registering must pay $1 each for these badges, but one man who wanted to know what the money went for had it explained to him that it was saving him money.

"You see," the registering clerk explained, "when you wear this badge you don't have to pay to go anywhere. It admits you to the camp grounds, to the big ball, to the competitive drill, and everything." The delegate was satisfied. He paid his dollar.

One who walks through the streets in the neighborhood of convention headquarters cannot help noticing the influx of watermelon peddling wagons. They are everywhere, the drivers in their plaintive cries emphasizing "ripe, juicy watermelons." They appear to be doing a good business.

Former Congressman a Visitor.

One of the distinguished visitors is former Congressman Thomas E. Miller of South Carolina. He served in Congress during President Harrison's administration. He has been in politics ever since, having served 18 years in the Legislature of his State. He is particularly proud of the fact that he has two sons in the service of his country. One has received his commission as a First Lieutenant at the training camp for negro officers at Des Moines, Io.

The Supreme Chancellor of the Knights is Edward E. Green of New Orleans, who will preside at all sessions of the convention. Robert R. Jackson of Kentucky, with the title of Major-General, is in command of the Uniform Rank.

YAARAB TEMPLE WINS SUIT AGAINST NEGROES

Zaban Temple, a negro organization, was yesterday permanently restrained from using the insignia, fez and other features of Yaarab, the Atlanta temple of Shriners. Judge Patterson, of the Blue Ridge circuit, was appealed to after the Fulton county judges had been disqualified, because of their Shrine affiliations. He granted a temporary injunction, against which the negroes appealed to the state supreme court, which sustained Judge Patterson. A trial by jury was necessary, however, before the injunction could become permanent, and the decision has just been reached in the city court, Judge Reid presiding.

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Elks in 18th Annual Session in Cleveland

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The Chicago Defender

Cleveland, O., Aug. 31.—To say that the six hundred delegates of the Independent Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the world invaded the Forest City at its 18th annual session the past week will be putting it too mildly. Surely they took it by storm according to the verdict of the thousands of non-members and visitors in attendance. Sunday evening the advanced representatives of the different delegations joined with local Cuyahoga lodge, No. 95, and gathered at Cory M. E. church where the annual sermon was preached by Grand Chaplain, Rev. Riley Woodward, Portsmouth, Va. The discourse, a most eloquent effort, was based on St. Paul's letter to the Romans. The choir, under the direction of Harry E. Thompson, rendered beautiful music. Frank E. Minter was master of ceremonies.

A Grand Welcome

On Monday evening the First M. E. church (white), corner of Euclid avenue and E. 30th street, was packed to its utmost capacity by members of Cuyahoga lodge, No. 95, and thousands of friends to bid welcome to the thousands of visiting Elks and Lady Elks and friends attending the convention. Right there it might be said for the information of those who are not acquainted in Cleveland that Euclid avenue is one of the most exclusive streets of the city, many white millionaires being members of the church. For this reason the Elks felt quite proud of the opportunity of bidding their visitors welcome in that exclusive place of worship. The program under the direction of J. Walter Wills, chairman of the committee on music, was of high merit, each participant being most enthusiastically received. Director of Welfare, Lemar T. Beman, delivered the address of welcome, Mayor Harry L. Davis being out of the city. The response was made by Armond W. Scott, grand exalted ruler, Washington, D. C. Attorney Alexander H. Martin delivered another splendid address of welcome, being followed by Councilman Thomas W. Fleming. Other speakers were Harry L. Kersey, exalted ruler, Cuyahoga lodge, No. 95; Mrs. Mollie DeBraun, P. V. G. D. R. Glenara Temple, No. 21, and Mrs. Emma V. Kelly, grand secretary, grand temple. For the musical program of rare merit unstinted praise it due Mr. Wills. The participants: Mme. Katherine Skeene-Mitchell, one of Cleveland's favorite sopranos; Harry Ter Ford, cornet imitator; George B. Bizzelle, baritone, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Davis, assistant organist of the church and the Zephyr quartette. Mrs. Mabell Clark Biggs was accompanist.

The Big Parade

For display and grandeur the patriotic parade Tuesday eclipsed all former efforts it is said. Col. C. P. Lancaster, grand marshal, and chief of staff, Major R. N. Dillard, were in charge of the parade. Further details and result of prize drill at Luna Park will be given in next issue. Mesdames Montgomery, promient Lady Elk from Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Mary E. LaSantee, of Glenare Temple, No. 21, headed the Lady Elks in horse and buggy. The ladies were most impressively attired. Wednesday evening at Gray's Armory Cuyahoga lodge held its annual smoker and the ladies of Glenara Temple their annual ball and reception. Participants of the program under the management of Mrs. LaSantee were: Mrs. Mamie Rose, daughter ruler, Glenara Temple, who delivered the welcome address; Mrs. Montgomery, Detroit, Mich., reading; Mr. Jackson, member Cuyahoga lodge, vocal solo; Glenara Temple, chorus, "Star Spangled Banner;" Miss Dorothy Love, Heliotrope Temple, No. 26, Chicago, Ill., vocal solo. Miss Ollie Payne, pianist for the evening. The speaking program at Luna Park after the ball game and contests Tuesday in charge of Welcome T. Blue is deserving of special mention. Among the speakers were Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, past grand exalted ruler: Harry H. Pace, secretary Standard Life Insurance company, Atlanta, Ga., and Armond W. Scott, grand exalted ruler. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday sessions of the grand lodge were held. Results of the election will be given in next issue. The annual grand lodge and ball was held Thursday evening at Dreamland hall.

Convention Flashes

The delegation from Great Lakes lodge, No. 43, Chicago, arrived early Monday morning over the Nickel Plate and were soon settled in their spacious quarters, 4322 Central avenue, across from the Elks' hall. Among them were seen James T. Copper, exalted ruler, who was waging a hot campaign for the grand secretaryship; E. F. Berry, chairman financial committee, Great Lakes lodge; Joseph R. Dunn, past E. R., present treasurer Great Lakes lodge; John T. Powell, district deputy; John P. Sneed, past E. R.; Edward Joseph and J. H. Carlis, trustees; Dr. Bibbs, past E. R.; Dr. Floyd W. Willis, examining physician of No. 43, and delegates Everett Moore and John Claybrooks, who were seen to be doing "big things" among the boys. Among the Lady Elks from Chicago were seen Mrs. Rebecca Harden, 341 Prairie avenue, Chicago, daughter ruler, pride of Chicago Temple, No. 7, who will visit in New York city for three weeks after the closing of the convention; Daughter Miss Dorothy Love and Mrs. Hattie C. Champion, past daughter ruler, Heliotrope Temple, No. 26, Chicago, both of whom are stopping with Mrs. Mary E. LaSantee, 2356 E. 31st street; Daughter Bettie Givens, treasurer, Heliotrope Temple and Daughter Mattie Alford, grand escort of the grand temple. Daughter Ruler, Mrs. L. L. Holmes, arrived from Chicago Thursday morning being detained by the death of Daughter Ruler of Forest avenue. Mrs. Champion is chaplain of Heliotrope Temple, past grand chaplain of the grand temple of the Lady Elks, and past daughter ruler of Warden Temple.

An exceptionally live bunch of good fellows was the New England delegation from Boston and Cambridge, Mass. They were rightfully called the "live wire bunch" as they were early on the job about their headquarters, 4320 Central avenue, distributing attractive literature boosting Boston "the hub of the universe," "the Cradle of Liberty for white and black alike," "the birthplace of American Freedom," as the ideal city for the 1918 convention. Among the delegation were Stewart E. Hoyt, past grand esteemed leading knight, of Pioneer lodge, No. 1980, Boston; Theo. Webb, past E. R.; Walter Miller and Albert DeLeon, past E. R., Pioneer lodge, Boston, Mass.; Daniel Ware, past exalted ruler, Pocahontas lodge, No. 129, Cambridge, Mass., who brought the original idea to Chicago in 1915, "Move Up or Move Out;" Alexander A. Selden, grand tiler, and J. B. Beasley, assistant secretary, grand lodge, representing Bay State, No. 19, Boston, Mass.; and James E. Dixon, past exalted ruler, Sumner lodge, Providence, R. I., traveling deputy for New England.

Mrs. Daniel Ware and daughter, Cambridge, Mass., will visit Mrs. Harry Taylor of Grove avenue, Chicago, Ill., after the closing of the convention.

G. Wallace Edwards, past exalted ruler, Monmouth lodge, No. 122, Asbury Park, N. J., and grand traveling deputy of the world, was one of the most attractive and "wide-awake" Elks at the convention. Mrs. Lizzie Bunn and Miss Tillie Kirk were representatives of Asbury Temple, No. 64.

Delegates representing Actavius V. Catto lodge, No. 20, Philadelphia, Pa., arrived via Buffalo Monday night. Among the delegation were, Amos N. Robinson, the souvenir man who was early on the scene as advance guard; Nathan Nutter, exalted ruler; Samuel

American Woodmen Meet

The Kansas City Star

9/20/17

The Fourth Quadrennial Session of the Supreme Camp of the American Woodmen was held in Denver from August 13th to 18th. More than 500 delegates comprising men and women of the highest intelligence from every part of the southern and middle states were present. To say that the convention was a success in every way is only half stating the facts. Enthusiasm seemed to be at its highest pitch from beginning to end. As the Supreme Camp officers made their reports, the delegates and friends were almost uproarious in their applause, at the wonderful achievements attained. Both membership and resources have increased more than 300 per cent since the last quadrennial session. With resources approaching well toward $200,000, with liabilities less than $500, the American Woodmen can certainly boast of a financial standing almost unapproashable.

The Texas delegation numbering over one hundred was the largest from any single state, although Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kentucky, were all well represented.

The American Woodmen is becoming firmly established in all the northern states and especiall yin the large centers of pophlation.

The delegates have rethrned singing the praises of the Supreme Camp and of Denverites in general. Every delegate was the guest of the Supreme Camp for the entire day of August 16. A splendid trip up the great Switzerland Trail of America, to more than three miles to the top of one of the highest peaks of the Rockies where a splendid barbecue and repast was had was arranged. Here, the Arapahoe Peaks, and Glacier, were in plain sight of all, with its bottomless lake of ice and snow. Beautiful Glacier Lake formed from this ice river, afforded boating pleasures for all. As the train pulled back into Denver at seven o'clock that night all acknowledged it was the most wonderful trip of their lives.

No pains were spared to give the delegates a real view of this mighty western section.

American Woodmen A Top Notcher.

By Jas. T. Bush, Clerk

Of the 183 fraternal insurance societies doing business in the United States, the April Fraternal Monitor, an insurance organ published in Rochester, N. Y., made special mention of three, whose business for 1916 was out of the ordinary. It will be gratifying to the membership of the American Woodmen, and should be to every Negro because the American Woodmen is the only one of its kind in the race, to have this mention. Of the American Woodmen, the Fraternal Monitor has this to say: "Progress of the American Woodmen, of Denver, Colo., in 1916, is a record in which the society can take pride. The membership increased from 17,509 to 20,133 and the insurance in force from $10,520,250 to $12,039,700. Assets increased from $78,307.85 to $124,232.90. The total benefits paid during the year are $43,-111.30. A splendid service to the membership. The American Woodmen operates on the N. F. C., rates and its cost of management is low, only 85 cents per member in 1916. These factors entitle the society to the confidence of the field in which it operates." For any concern to receive such comment from this journal it must be a top notcher.

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The American Woodmen has a system of handling its funds, all its own. By this system nearly half a million of the people's money is handled annually and the Supreme Clerk at Denver, Colo., can tell you almost instantly just how every cent is used. This is how it is done: The Supreme Council makes the rates and no local camp can collect any more or any less from a member. This council says how much of the amount collected shall remain with the local camp and how it shall be expended. The local clerk, who is bonded by the Supreme Camp, must include with his monthly report—and this report must be made—an itemized statement of all the expenditures of his camp and this statement must be signed by the local commander, auditor, banker and clerk. The Supreme Clerk knows before the report is received just how much should be collected and with a statement of the expenditures it is an easy matter for him to know the standing of each local camp. The forms used are so simple that a child could carry on the book-keeping of this, the greatest Negro concern in the world. Indeed, the people of St. Louis are fortunate that they have an opportunity to secure protection for their loved ones in such an institution.

Any of the deputies mentioned elsewhere in this issue will be pleased to serve you or you may call Kinloch, Delmar 4141-J.

BIG NEGRO ORDER

KANSAS CITY CONVENES HERE

SEPTEMBER 7, 1917

The second grand session of the Independent Brothers and Sisters of Consolation, a negro organization, convened yesterday in annual session at Fraternity hall, 312-3-4 Nebraska

avenue, Dr. J. H. Mixon, grand master, presiding. The reports show that the order is growing rapidly and is in a prosperous condition in Kansas and Missouri.

The order is fraternal in character, and was organized over forty years ago in the South, where it has a large following. Rev. Dr. W. H. Mixon of Selma, Ala., and brother of the grand master, is the supreme master.

The session closes Monday with a reception to the supreme master and grand lodge officers.

SUPREME CONVENTION OF INDEPENDENT ORDER OF IMMACULATES

Nashville Globe 8/9/17

Dr. J. B. Singleton Elected Supreme Master--New Department Inaugurated--Many Delegates Attend.

The Supreme Convention of the Independent Order of Immaculates of the U. S. A. held convention at the I. O. I. Hall, Nashville, Tenn.

All Grand and Supreme Jurisdictions were well represented by large delegations. Public reception was held at the Lee Avenue Christian Church Tuesday night. An interesting program was rendered. The following program was observed:

Music—Lee Ave. Christian Church Choir.

Invocation—W. H. Hunter, Montgormery, Ala.

Music—Lee Avenue Choir.

Welcome Address on behalf of the Fraternal Organizations and Churches of the City—Rev. Preston Taylor, Pastor Lee Avenue Christian Church.

Welcome Address on behalf of the Lodges—E. L. Kinzer.

Response on behalf of the visiting Delegates—A. O. Sheffey, Florence, Alabama.

Welcome on behalf of Gems—Miss Emma J. Cockrill, Nashville.

Response—Mrs. Meeks. Ark.

Dr. A. L. Whita ker, D.D.S.

Dr. A. L. Whitaker, D. D. S., Master of Ceremonies.

Dr. J. W. Whitfield. Grand Master of Tennessee, delivered a stirring address after which he introduced Dr. W. L. Strong, Supreme Master of Belzoni, Miss., who in an eloquent address congratulated the Grand Master of Tennesee and his coterie of efficient officers for their efficient leadership. He spoke of the excellen work done by Lee Avant, the Grand Master of Arkansas, and the rapid growth of the Order in that state and the state of Missouri and California. Benediction.

The Reports of the Supreme Officers and Representatives denoted great progress financially and numerically, of the Order in all of the Grand Jurisdictions.

The eleected Supreme officers for the ensuing Biennial Term were, Dr J B. Singleton, Supreme Master of the Supreme Jurisdiction.

S. D. M., Prof. Lee Avant, Ark.

S. P. S., Summerfield Brown, Nashville, Tenn.

S. R. S., Mrs. H. B. Scott, Kansas City, Mo.

S. T., A. O. Sheffey, Florence, Ala

S. Chaplain, W. H. Hunter, Montgomery, Aya.

S. I. G., Mrs. P. A. Kennedy, Ala.

O. G., Jas. Phillips, Ark.

S. Marshal, S. P. Toney, Nashville.

S. Attorney, Jas, Bumpass, Nashville.

The Supreme Master's Advisory Board.

Dr. J. A. Lester, Nashville.
James Bumpass, Attorney.
A. O. Sheffey.
Dr. J. W. Whitfield.
Mrs. S. J. Carter, Nashville.
Dr. E. W. Sterrs, Decatur, Ala.
Mrs. Ida H. Woods, Gallatin, Tenn.
J. H. Slayton, Columbia, Tenn.
Mrs. N. R. Dixon, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Prof. Lee Avant.
Mrs. M. B. Thomas, Nashville, Tenn.
E. L. Kinzer.

Grand Master J. W. Whitfield introduced resolution to add new feature to the Supreme Convention to be known as the I. O I. Publicity and Extension Bureau which was adopted.

The next Biennial Supreme Convention will meet at Wynn, Ark., 1919.

The Supreme Master's headquarters, hereafter will be at 410 Cedar Street, Nashville, Tenn.

14TH LOVE AND CHARITY

The Guardian

SUCCESSFUL 14TH ANNUAL SESSION OF MASS. GRND TABERNACLE HELD LAST WEEK IN CAMBRIDGE.

9/14/17

Fourteenth annual session of the Grand Tabernacle of Massachusetts and jurisdiction of the National Grand United Order of rothers and Sisters of Love & Charity, convened at the Rush Zion A. M. E. church, School St. Cambridge, Mass., Rev. Cole, pastor, Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 22 and 23, 1917, at ten o'clock a. m. Bro. H. Bolt G. W. S., presiding. The following Tabernacles were represented by delegates: oston, Abraham Lincoln No. 1; Edwin G. Walker, No. 104; Crispus Attucks, No. 101; Elle A. lair, No. 107; Leonard A Grimes, No. 122. Cambridge, Lewis Hayden, No. 102; oJhn S. Rock, No 106; ePter Salem, No. 123. New Bedford, Olive Branch, No. 6. Haverhill, Evening Star, No. 11. Newburyport, B. T. Washington, No. 100 Newport, Sarah E. Gorham, No. 112 Everett, Arthur C. Dickinson, No 124.

Wednesday evening there was a concert and banquet held when some of the best talent of the Tabernacles participated. The banquet was of a high order and greatly enjoyed by all.

Thursday afternoon, Briday Bell and Lewis Hayden Juvenile Circles with their Supervnsors, Sisters Martha J. Young. Sarah Winfrey and Laura Bruch, delighted the session with their sons, recitations and piano selections.

Report of Committee on Necrology.

Abraham Lincoln Tab., No. 1, reports Bro. Joshua A. Crawford, Sister Augustine Barrows, Sister Sarah Watkins, rBo. Edawrd Johnson.

Crispus Attucks reports Sisters Laura Winslow, Elizabeth Weeks, Marq Davenport, Alfreda Johnson.

From Lewis Hayden have gone Sisters Elizabeth Grant, Mary Merrick, Jennie Hart, Bro. Albert Roberts.

E. G. Waker reports Sisters Marion Allen, Margaret Hamilton, Maria Cropper.

Ellen A. Blair reports Sisters Sarah Carter, Winning King.

Peter Salem reports Sisters Lulu saacs, Margaret Golder.

Respectfully submitted.

Sister Mary Russell, Sister Martha J. Young, Sister Nettie Johnson, Sister Emma Cooper. Sister Fanny London, Bro. Joseph Wiliams, Sister J. B. Selden, Sec.

Statistical Report.

Total membership, 847; total membership juveniles, 155; past officers in Tab., 365; past officers in Degree Temple, 103 past officers in Juvenile Circle, 24; paid to sick by Tab., $1,439.61; paid to sick by Degree Temple, $316.00; paid to sick by Juveniles $14.00 total paid to sick for the year $1,769.61; paid by Tab. for burial $1,238.60; paid by Degree Temple, $366.00; cash in treasury of Tab., $5,423.30; cash in treasury of Degree Temple, $3,193.93; cash in treasury of Juvenile Circles, $150.00; value of property of Tabernacles, Degree ple and Juvenile Circle, $2,237.00; death during the year, 19; total receipts for the session $243.39

Grand Officers for 1917-1918.

G. W. S., Brother Hezekiah Bolt; D. G. W. S., Brother Adolphus Terry; G. W. V. S., Sister Nettie Johnson; G. Chap., Sister Carrie Holmes; G. F. S., Beulah R. Butler; G. R. S., Sister Amelia Banks; G. Treas., Sister Amanda J. Gales; G. Con., Sister Reddick; G. A. Con., Sister Florence Taylor; G. I. S., Bro. Paul Monroe; G. O. S., Bro. Robert Johnson; G. Travelling Deputy, Bro. oJhn Ludkins.

Sisters Ella Lathrop, Ella Armstead, Bro. Wm. A. Dent were given the honors of Past Officers after the installation of the officers by Bro. Richad Russell and singing God be with us until we meet again, thus closing one of the most harmonious sessions of the order. Next meeting place Newport, R. I.

Sister Martha E. Wilson) Reporter.

COLORED PYTHIANS CONSIDER REPORT FROM CHANCELLOR

ST LOUIS MO TIMES
AUGUST 23. 1917

The third day of the biennial convention of the Colored Knights of Pythias opened with a general session at the lodge hall, 3137 Pine street, at 9 o'clock this morning. A larger number of delegates are present at this convention than ever before.

The Supreme Lodge and national encampment, Compton avenue and Market street, of the uniformed ranks are being entertained by a local committee composed of the following officers: W. W. Buckner, general chairman; W. E. Osborne, general secretary; Gen. W. H. Butler, general treasurer; Capt. J. A. Shackelford, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; Col. C. A. Mills, secretary of the Ways and Means Committee, and W. W. Trice, chairman on location.

Among the leading delegates from all over the country are: W. H. Harrison, Oklahoma City, Ok.; P. W. Howard, member of the Republican National Committee of Mississippi; M. M. Rodgers, Dallas, Tex.; J. H. Blume, prominent insurance man of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Dr. T. T. Wendell, Lexington, Ky.; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankfort, Ky.; Dr. Van J. Davis, Paducah, Ky, and E. E. Green, former member of the Illinois Legislature.

At this morning's session a ruling on the supreme chancellor's report opened the meeting. The delegates immediately proceeded to consider the supreme chancellor's biennial address. In this address Green praised the hospitality of St. Louis and complimented the Committee on Location for having made the selection of this city for the convention. "After the riots in East St. Louis, protests came from all over the country against holding the convention here," he said, "but the location was very wisely left unchanged."

GATHERIN 50th SESSION

Afro American

Order of Moses Holds Jubilee in New York

The Grand Encampment of the Order of Moses held its fiftieth annual session at Mother A. M. E. Zion Church last week. The session was attended by delegates from all parts of the East, including a number from Baltimore. Grand Master Solomon Bond, of Baltimore, presided. The next session will be held in Boston, Mass.

According to the report of Grand Secretary James M. Seward, the fraternity has more than $45,000 in cash and is growing numerically. A resolution was offered by Rev. Albert J. Mitchell, of this city, directing each branch of the Order to purchase conservation plans of the national government. The resolution was adopted. A telegram was sent to Food Director Herbert C. Hoover at Washington, notifiing him of the stand that the fraternity had taken regarding food conservation. The delegates voted to hold the annual memorial services on the fourth Sunday in January hereafter.

GALILEAN FISHERMEN HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

Tribune Brooklyn, N.Y. 8/16/17

(Special to The New York Age.)

CAMBRIDGE, Md.—The 61st annual session of the National Grand Tabernacle of Galilean Fishermen came to a close Thursday of last week with the choosing of Jamaica, L. I., as the 1918 meeting place and the naming of officers for the ensuing year. Joseph P. Evans of Baltimore, was elected supreme ruler for the fourth consecutive year.

The remaining officers follow: J. W. V. Guy, Norfolk, Va., deputy supreme ruler; Mrs. Ida Dawson, New York, assistant supreme ruler; Mrs. Marcella Stewart, Baltimore, supreme scribe; Mrs. Mary G. Fields, Phialdelphia, supreme recorder; Josiah F. Henry, Cambridge, supreme treasurer; the Rev. J. W. Grayson, Washington, supreme chaplain; Mrs. Mary E. Stratton, St. Albans, W. Va., supreme oratress; Mrs. Lizzie Kemp, Washington, supreme condustress; J. T. Tompkins, Atlantic City, sopreme marshal; Lee Scott, Virginia, sopreme inner guard, and John Conosey, Wilminiton, Del., supreme outer iuard.

Secret Societies—1917

JUDGE BELL OVER-RULES S. C. M

The Atlanta Independent

HANDS DOWN DECREE NULLIFYING ALL ITS ACTS

Atlanta, Ga., August 3, 1917.

To the Lodges and Households,
G. U. O. O. F., America,
Jurisdiction of Geórgia.

You are hereby advised that on this day the Court in the case of A. D. Jones, et al, versus District Grand Lodge No. 18, G. U. O. O. F., America, Jurisdiction of Georgia, in Fulton Superior Court, this being the case in which the Receiver was appointed, passed an order which, among other things, deals with the question of holding the meeting of the District Grand Lodge in Macon on August 14, and provides for the representation by delegates in said meeting of the Lodges in this jurisdiction. A copy of the decree above referred to follows this notice, and especial attention is called to Paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the Decree of Court. These being the paragraphs of said Decree which deal especially with the holding of the meeting of the District Grand Lodge and the representation of the Lodges thereat.

Credential blanks are being sent to all Lodges, so that all Lodges not having heretofore taken the proper steps for the sending of delegates to the Macon meeting, may do so. Where Lodges have heretofore elected delegates in accordance with the rules of the Order to attend the Macon meeting, they need not do so again.

All Lodges entitled to representation at the meeting at Macon, under the Decree of the Court, above referred to, should at once meet and elect delegates, and send in proper credentials to the District Grand Secretary or have the credentials properly presented at the Macon meeting.

Yours truly,
J. A. BRANCH, Receiver.

GEORGIA, FULTON COUNTY.
No. 35,039, Fulton Superior Court
ALFRED D. JONES et al
vs.
DISTRICT GRAND LODGE No. 18 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, Jurisdiction of Georgia.

By consent of counsel representing all parties, it is CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. That the orders heretofore passed, granting temporary restraining orders and appointing a temporary Receiver be and the same are hereby reaffirmed.

2. That the temporary Receiver and the temporary restraining orders heretofore granted be and the same are hereby made permanent, the Receiver to hold possession of the assets of the said District Grand Lodge until further order of this Court; it being by this Court reserved to make such disposition of said assets as may be in accordance with the principles of law and equity.

3. That the claimed suspension of B. J. Davis by the Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

4. That the claimed suspension of B. S. Ingram by the Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

5. That the claimed expulsion and withdrawal of the charter of Century Lodge by the said Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

6. That the claimed expulsion of Alfred D. Jones by the Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

7. That the claimed expulsion of B. S. Ingram by the Sub-Commitee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

8. That the action of the Sub-Committee of Management seeking to withdraw the charter of the District Grand Lodge No. 18, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America Jurisdiction of Georgia, be and the same is hereby declared illegal and that the charter of said District Grand Lodge is, and has at all time been, of full force and effect.

9. It is further considered, ordered and adjudged that the so-called merger of the Endowment Bureau of the Household of Ruth with the Endowment Bureau of the District Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby declared legal and that the order of the Sub-Committee of Management declaring it null and void is of no force and effect.

10. That the meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Macon, Georgia, on the 14th day of August next, be permitted and directed by this court for the purpose of transacting such business as can legally be transacted under the charter and by-laws of the said District Grand Lodge.

11. It is further considered, ordered and adjudged that the delegates heretofore elected by Lodges now in financial standing, or which were financial on January 15, 1916, under the charter and by-laws of the District Grand Lodge, are hereby declared delegates and entitled to participate in the above mentioned meeting to be held at Macon, Ga. If any of said Lodges have not already elected their delegates, they may still elect delegates, who shall represent such Lodges at said meeting.

12. That such Lodges as have been suspended, but which are still making payments to the Receiver appointed by this Court, shall likewise be entitled to representation by one delegate each in the meeting at Macon, whether they have, in fact, paid in full all the claims against them by the Receiver or not. This section shall be construed as in addition to, and not in limitation of, section 11. Said Lodges may be represented by a delegate already elected, or, if no delegate has yet been elected, they may still elect a delegate to take part in the Macon convention. The Auditor shall hereafter find just how much these Lodges do, in fact, owe, which sum shall be paid within sixty days from the date it is fixed by the Auditor.

13. It is further ordered that sections 11 and 12 apply only to the meeting mentioned in paragraph 10 of this decree and that as to all the other meetings of said District Grand Lodge representation there be governed only by the charter and by-laws of said District Grand Lodge.

14. It is further ordered that all parties be, and they are hereby restrained and enjoined from in any way interferring with or seeking to prevent the meeting to be held at Macon, Georgia.

15. It is further considered, ordered and adjudged that if said Macon meeting shall elect an Executive Committee and Directors of the District Grand Lodge, said Executive Committee and Directors are hereby permitted immediately to make application to this court seeking a restoration of the assets of the District Grand Lodge to them as the legal Executive Committee and Directors thereof; the Court reserving to itself the right to determine whether they are legally elected Executive Committee and Directors, and whether, under the law, the assets of the District Grand Lodge should be turned over to them.

16. That the expenses of said receivership, including the fees and expenses of the receiver, the fees of the Auditor, and all attorneys fees, chargeable against the assets of the District Grand Lodge, shall hereafter be determined by this Court and when determined shall be ordered paid by the Receiver.

17. Nothing herein contained shall in anywise affect the rights of any certificate held by anyone, but the rights of such holders shall be determined wholly by the charter and by-laws of said District Grand Lodge.

18. Any Lodge financial on January 15, 1916, may pay up in full within ninety days from this date or within sixty days from the time the amount due is ascertained by the Auditor and upon so paying shall become financial under the rules and regulations of the District Grand Lodge and the Bureau of Endowment. The finding of the sum due by the Auditor shall be final and all disputes must be submitted to him by September 15, 1917.

19. The Auditor in this case shall be at Macon when said meeting shall be held, and if any dispute shall arise upon the report of the Commitee on Credentials, affecting the right of any delegate to participate in said meeting, the dispute shall be submitted to said Auditor, whose decision shall be final.

20. The Court hereby reserves to itself the right to make any and all further orders in connection with the pending case and the assets of the District Grand Lodge not inconsistent with this order. The issues here adjudicated are withdrawn from the Auditor.

This August 3d, 1917.

GEO. L. BELL,
Judge, Superior Courts, Atlanta Ct.

STATE OF GEORGIA,
COUNTY OF FULTON.

I, Arnold Broyles, Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the DECREE in the case of ALFRED D. JONES, ET AL VS. DISTRICT GRAND LODGE NO. 18, GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF AMERICA, JURISDICTION OF GEORGIA. as appears of file and record in this office.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 3rd day of August, 1917.

(Seal) ARNOLD BROYLES,
Clerk Superior Court, Fulton County, Georgia

Samaritans Erect $35,000 Building

Tribune 7/14/17

EDITOR B. J. DAVIS DELIVERS STIRRING ADDRESS

About 5,000 Visitors Attend Dedicatory Exercises

Athens, Ga., July 4.—Five thousand Negroes were here today to attend the dedication of the new headquarters building of the Improved Order of Samaritans which is just completed at a cost of $35,000 all of which is paid. It is a modern office building of brick with two stores on the first floor, twelve suites of offices on the second floor and an auditorium on the third floor and was designed and constructed by Negroes.

B. J. Davis, of Atlanta, well known in Negro fraternal circles, delivered the principal address and urged the white people to give his race better treatment and referred to lynching and insufficient school facilities as some of the causes of Negro migration.

"Some Negroes," said Davis, "think that God is better to the white man than He is to the colored man. That is not true. The white man works harder than we do. God gives him health and strength just like he gives

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us, but the white man works and makes every lick count. I have more respect for the man who owns his home or a farm and has a bank account than I have for some bareheaded, empty-pocketed philosopher who sits on the street corner and whines about his rights."

Continuing, Mr. Davis said:

"But the Negro is not going to be disloyal. He is going to do his duty as the highest evidence of his worth and of what he deserves at the hands of the government. Our government cannot enter the world war, demanding freedom for Ireland, freedom for Russia, freedom for Belgians under the yoke of aristocracy and despotism, so long as ten million loyal citizens at home are denied industrial and political freedom; so long as we are denied the right to vote and the right to have a say-so about who shall make the laws and who shall execute them. Before the law all men are equal. There is nothing wrong in the law. There is nothing wrong in the genius of our institution. The wrong is in the executors and administrators of the statutes on the books.

"In every state in which subterfuges have been invoked to cut down the Negro vote, to molest and intimidate him into that degree of physical fear where he will not present himself to exercise his manhood rights, that state is not democratic, and its government is unjust. The Negroes of this country, owning a billion dollars worth of property, are without a representative in any legislature or congress, or fill-ing any representative function in this great republic. Ten million people are governed without their representative participation. Laws are made for them, and they have no voice in their enactment.

"These are the rights for which we must fight. These are the blessings of democracy which are now denied us, and let us get together for the common betterment of all, forgetting prejudice within the race; forgetting denominational, religious and racial strife and fight for the right to sit upon a jury, for equal and fair suffrage laws, for a free ballot and a fair count, for equal accommodations on the railroad, for better, broader and higher educational facilities. Let us tell the white man that his distribution of public school funds is little less than a misappropriation; that any system of education or distribution of public funds that provides ample and modern school houses for the education and uplift of white children and affords starvation salaries for Negro teachers and provides no house at all for the Negro children is a misuse of the public funds and is inconsistent with democracy for which we fight.

The preliminary address was delivered by Dr. S. Melville Pitt, of Elberton, Ga., and he said in part: "It is significant that we should dedicate this magnificant building on this the nation's birthday. This order stands for progress, for advancement and for growth in community spirit and race consciousness. This building stands as a monument to the indomitable will and unswerving perseverance of Dr. W. H. Harris."

The building which was dedicated is a beautiful brick structure with two large stores on the first floor and tewlve suites of offices on the second floor with a spacious auditorium on the third. It is a thoroughly modern office building with taraze flooring, metal ceiling and is fitted with gas and electric lights and hot and cold running water. The officers of the state organization are H. Guile, grand chief, Lumpkin; Dr. W. H. Harris, grand secretary, Athens; G. W. Giles, past grand chief, Monroe; T. K. Persley, vice grand chief, Macon; and G. A. Cunningham, Carlton.

At the conclusion of the exercises the following persons were introduced into the audience: T. K. Persley, assistant director of mechanical drawing of the Tuskegee Institute, who designed the building; Walker Brothers of Macon who constructed the building, and Albon L. Holsey of Tuskegee Institute, representing the National Negro Business League, founded by the late Booker T. Washington, who announced the meeting of this organization which holds its next annual session at Chattanooga, Tenn., August 15, 16 and 17.

A good collection for the Red Cross was taken to augment the $1,200 already contributed by the Athens Negroes to this fund.

OVER $150,000.00 IN CASH BONDS AND $25,000,000.00 WOIRTH OF INSURANCE WRITTEN. SUCH IS RECORD OF COLORED AMERICAN WOODMEN.

Anent the controversy as to adequate rates and valuating that is at the present time, so harrassing our fraternals and causing such a wide divergence of opinion, the following article by Mr. C. W. White may prove interesting.

The subject of adequate rates, graduated system and valuating, has been discussed in the columns of this paper by competent authority until those interested and studing the matter closely have become pretty well acquainted with the subject from a theoretical stand point. Both Dr. Hamilton of Dallas and Mr. Riddle of Denison, as well as others, have thrown much light on these subjects and have helped the layman in getting a grasp of the meaning of these terms. Along with this it should prove very helpful for us to know how the thing works in practice.

The American Woodmen was organized as a fraternal secret society in 1901 and placed on a graduated system of rates, that is all members paid according to age. The first valuating was made in 1909 and showed that the rates were not high enough as the necessary reserve was not being accumulated. The next year all members were placed on the National Fraternal Congress' rates which all experience has shown to be sufficent to meet current death losses and accumulate the required reserve.

The membership was very small at that time, numbering 2,000 in the entire jurisdiction. Its Supreme officers were white men and it seemed impossible for a secret society to prosper among colored people with white men at the head. In fact up to that time it was practically a failure owing very largely to that fact. Wearied with the effort which seemed doomed to failure, in 1910 the management was turned over to the present officers, all of whom are colored. The white officers withdrew and have had no hand or voice whatever in the society since.

With a handful of members and a few thousand dollars in the treasury but with an adequate rate (which really means "enough rate") and a graduated system, the management asked for a "Place in the Sun" and using the methods of the best and most successful institutions of its kind in the country for a guide, it launched forth.

The result is that to-day it has over $150,000.00 in cash bonds bearing 6 per cent. interest and over $25,000,000.00 worth of insurance written. And what counts far more than anything else, it has a valuation of 112 per cent. surpassed by only a few of the great white organizations.

A word of explanation as to valuating might not be amiss. If you have belonged to an organization for 20 years and joined when you were 25 then by a system of computation, using the mortality tables, it can be accurately ascertained what amount of funds should have been accumulated and held in reserve to pay that claim when death shall have come.

The process is gone through with each policy and the total added. If the amount on hand is equal to this total, then the society valuates at 100 per cent.; if only half the amount then it valuates at 50 per cent.; if more than that amount, then it valuates above 100 per cent.

No organization operating on a level premium or flat rate has been able to meet its contract for a long period. Anything less than the N. F. C. rates means ruin in the long run. Experience ought to be our guide.

C. M. WHITE. S. C.

MORRIS HEADS MYSTIC SHRINERS

Minneapolis Man Chosen At Annual Conclave At Detroit, Mich.

The Journal & Guide 8/25/17

BARNES IMPERIAL MASTER

Nobles Were In Attendeance From Nearly Every State In The Union.

Detroit, Mich.—The oasis of Detroit, Desert of Michigan was the mecca for the Mystic Shriners from all parts of the Country where the nineteenth annual session was held.

The session opened Monday Aug. 6th. After a most interesting session of the Imperial Council A. E. A. O. N. M. S. held at the Mosque, (33 High St., Wayne Medical Building,) the annual officers of the Imperial Council was elected and installed as follows:

Noble Jordan M. Morris, Imperial Potentate, Minneapolis, Minn.

Noble Ceasar R. Blake, Imperial Deputy Potentate, Charlotte, N. C.

Noble R. E. Moore, Imperial Chief Rabban, Chicago, Ill.

Noble R. French Hurley, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, Wheeling W. Virginia.

Noble C. D . Freeman, Imperia Treasurer, Washington, D. C.

Noble Levi Williams, Imperial Recorder, Jersey City, N. J.

Noble Samuel W. Franklin, Imperia Assistant Rabban, Detroit, Mich.

Noble J. H. Murphy, Jr., Imperia Oriental Guide, Baltimore, Md.

Noble J. W. Barnes, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Portsmouth, Va.

Noble Harry Knight, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, New York, N. Y.

Noble E. D. Loving, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Fort Worth, Texas.

The Nobles who were in attendance to the Imperial Council from ARABIA TEMPLE No. 12 of Portsmouth, were Illustrious Potentate Deedom Alston, P. P. T. Andrew Porter Jr., P. P. T. Nehmiah Wilson, Noble Lander Dillard and P. P. T. John W. Barnes.

The meeting of the Imprial Council will be held in Kansas City, Mo. Aug. 1918.

BISHOP GLEAVES IS BELIEVER IN SOUTH AS PLACE FOR NEGRO

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 18—Homes, churches and schools of the highest type, are the imperative need of the negroe race, and the people should cooperate with each other in supplying them, declared Bishop N. C. Cleaves, of Memphis, in delivering the annual address before the supreme council of the Good Shepherds of America, a negro fraternal organization which is holding its twelfth annual session in this city.

The work that the organization is doing in teaching thift and economy on its plantation in Dallas County in this state was pointed out by the speaker as a lesson in cooperation that the race should follow, he insisted that the negro did not need to go anywhere to better his conditions, that if he followed comon sense lines and saw to it that his home life, his church and school life was pitched on a higher plane, he would make progress in Alabama as wel as in Michigan.

"Consecrated teachers are as important as trained teachers" he said "and more necessary for the guidance of the young than comodious building."

More than 500 delegates from seven states are attending the meeting, which is presided over by G. W. Chandler of Montgomery supreme president.

ARMOND W. SCOTT CHOSEN EXALTED RULER

New York Age 9/6/17

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Armond W. Scott, Washington, D. C., was re-elected exalted ruler of the Elks at the annual session of the order held last week in this city. George Bates, Jersey City, N. J., was re-elected grand secretary and William J. Carter, Richmond, grand treasurer. Baltimore was selected as the next place of meeting.

The session was well attended and one of the best held in recent years. The visitors were royally entertained by the local Elks and residents of Cleveland.

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ELKS ARE NOW 20,000 STRONG

The New York Age 2/5/17

Order Is Growing Despite Its Big Fight with the White Elks for Existence.

WORTH QUARTER OF A MILLION

Estimated Value of the Real and Personal Property Owned by the Two Hundred Lodges Throughout the Country.

ELKS ARE CHARITABLE

$40,000 Given Away Last Year—Order Believes in the Principles of Justice, Brotherly-Love and Fidelity.

(By HARRY H. PACE.)

The most striking difference distinguishing the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, from other secret societies is that it is purely a fraternal organization. I mean by that it has no endowment features, and does not try to conduct a form of business for which it is not fitted. It makes no promises in excess of its ability to pay, and consequently it is not embarrassed. For years attempts have been made to fasten on it endowment and insurance schemes, but just as surely have they always been sent to the discard, and they will continue to be. Whenever commercialism creeps in the spirit of brotherhood dies. One is business and the other is sentiment; the two will not mix.

We are possibly twenty thousand strong and growing, despite lawsuits, injunctions and attempts to throttle our existence by the white order. We have clung tenaciously to our name, not that it matters by what name a rose is called, but because to give it up would be a surrender to prejudice and oppression and the denial of our racial rights. No man was ever defeated until he himself acknowledged defeat.

Principles of the Order.

It has cost us within the last few years over $15,000 to maintain our name and identity. But to-day the two-hundred lodges are conservatively worth about a quarter of a million dollars in real and personal property and gave away last year over $40,000 in charity. Its grand lodge treasury has the largest cash balance in its history and its finances are honestly and capably managed.

It is often said, and truly so, that there is something about the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, once a man gets into it, that takes hold of him and makes him never wish to let go. He gives of his time, service, energy, ability and money, in order that his lodge may grow and its work not remain undone. For a long time I was at a loss, I wondered how to account for this, for I too, had been the same devoted slave to its interests. And then it dawned on me, the answer to every question of this kind can be expressed in one word, "unselfishness." Because underlying all the externals of pleasure and self-gratification there is the one great lasting principle of charity—the sort of love for others that follows out of the Great Commandment. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The principles of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity, which are the mottoes of our order, and which are exemplified in its ritualistic work, have become firmly planted in the hearts of many men who have never been attracted to the church. And I believe that the man who in his daily life fulfills the great virtues which it teaches,

AGREEMENT IS REACHED BY NEGRO ODD FELLOWS

The Constitution 8/5/17

Peace Reigns in Georgia Camp as Result of Attornes' Efforts.

The large class of colored citizens in the city and state who are members of the Colored Order of Odd Fellows were very much interested in the story in The Constitution of yesterday, concisely stating the result of the "peace pact" recently agreed upon by the attorneys for the two factions in the order, and after argument before Judge George L. Bell, of Fulton superior court, made the order of his court.

It seems the attorneys managed, after long dispute and tedious efforts to reach an agreement better than they knew, because from all accounts real peace is about to be accomplished in the order as a result of their efforts. In sum and substance, "the past is rubbed out and forgotten" and "the slate is made clean."

Everybody in the order, through the lodges, whether paid up or not, is to have a voice in the Macon meeting on the 14th of this month, whereat new officers are to be elected agreeable to the voice of all. The bickerings at the meetings of this sort which have been heretofore held in the state, as a result of which the complicated and numerous suits in all sections of the state were brought, have been effectually prevented by the court's action in sending to the meeting a competent, distinterested lawyer of ability and fairness, John D. Humphreys, of Atlanta, whose duty it will be to settle instantly and without appeal all disputes over credentials of delegates to the convention.

The attorneys worked out this solution of the difficulty and the court finally gave it his sanction. It is now believed that final harmony will prevail in the order, thereby preserving for its forty or fifty thousand members the magnificent property they have brought together after some ten or fifteen years of hard and patient work. It is also freely stated that the heads of the parent order in the north will welcome and give its sanction to this solution of the local difficulties.

All the orders against one of the two factions seeking to punish for offenses which the head officers in Georgia believed to be for the good of the order, have been annulled in order to bring about peace and preserve and conserve the large property interests involved, as well as the vital interests of some forty or fifty thousand colored citizens of this state through the life insurance policies they hold in the order. At any rate "peace and harmony" at last prevail as a result of the attorneys' efforts. The wounds so long existing seem to be rapidly healing and unless the unexpected happens a complete recovery may be anticipated.

Each side seems to have finally seen "the light" and recognized the futility of carrying on a senseless and destructive "fight." From all appearances the litigation, court fights and constant disputes are finally and most sensibly ended.

Messrs. Rosser, Slaton & Phillips, Brandon & Hynds and C. P. Goree represented the so-called Davis-Ingram faction in the litigation, and Messrs. Brewster, Howell & Heyman and Brown, Randolph & Parker the so-called Graves-Pharrow-Daniels faction.

NEGROES CUT LOOSE FROM EASTERN WING

Adopt Radical Changes in Endowment Plan of the Order at Closing Session in Macon.

B. S. Ingram and B. J. Davis Are in Complete Control and Both Are Re-Elected.

MACON, GA. TELEGRAPH
AUGUST 16, 1917
BY C. G. PARKS.

The negro Odd Fellows' meeting turned out to be a great surprise yesterday, especially to those who had anticipated a bitter fight. Although there was continuous session, with about one hour's intermission, from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., there was not a single discordant note sounded.

The main feature of the work during the day was the report of district grand officers, the report of the district grand master, B. S. Ingram, being the first read. It had been expected that the fight would begin when the committee on credentials made its report, but not a single seat in the convention was contested, the report being adopted without a dissenting voice.

Reports Are Read.

The reports of the various grand lodge officers were listened to with unusual attention, but in spite of the closest scrutiny none could form the basis for the fight which so many had expected. The report of the committee on endowment recommended redical changes in the en-

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dowment laws, the effect of which completely changes the past relation of that department to the sub-committee management.

The fraternal features of the order remain unchanged and according to the plan as adopted yesterday the relationship with the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows is the same that it was before the endowment feature was established, less than twenty years ago. It should be remembered that the endowment feature is optional with the several States or districts, only a few up to this time having adopted it.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows is primarily a fraternal institution. The insurance feature is purely voluntary on the part of the several districts, but has existed with the sanction and approval of the sub-committee of management, located at Philadelphia, Pa. To what extent this committee has a right to assist in the controlling of the endowment feature in a large measure forms the basis of the wrangle that has been on in Georgia for the past two years. In fact, all of the trouble is in some way traceable to the insurance feature.

Questions Arise.

When Ingram and Davis were suspended and the charter of the district grand lodge was revoked, the question to be determined was who were the rightful ones to take charge of the money and property. Hence the resort to the courts.

Yesterday's revision of the endowment laws is intended to do away with the possibility of any such contingency arising in the future. The revision provides for the creation of a "board of directors for the Georgia corporation," consisting of nine members of the order elected to serve, three for six years, two for four years and two for two years. This board will be incorporated under the laws of Georgia and will hold and control all moneys and property belonging to the order. There is no defined relationship between this board and the sub-committee, but under the law as framed will be independent to that body.

Within the Law.

In all probability the sub-committee will refuse to adopt the plan which, in the face of the ruling of Judge Bell, will, for a time at least, put them out of business in the State. Some are inclined to believe that the case will be carried to the United States Supreme Court. Henry Lincoln Johnson, the district grand attorney, is confident that everything is fully within the law, and that everything so far done will stand the test before any court of the land. All amendments and revisions were adopted.

Election of officers was begun at 8:30 p.m. and by 9:20 p.m. all of the officers had been elected. There was not a single officer opposed for election. The following officers wese elected:

New Officers Chosen.

Board of directors for the Georgia Corporation: B. S. Ingram, B. J. and Sim Jones, elected for six years; Dr. E. J. Turner, of Columbus, and R. C. Williams, of Augusta, four-year terms, and J. H. Watson, of Albany, and H. H. Pace, of Atlanta, two-year terms.

Officers of the District Grand Lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, jurisdiction of Georgia:

District Grand Master—B. S. Ingram, of Macon.

District Grand Secretary—B. J. Davis, of Atlanta.

District Grand Deputy—B. L. Jordan.

District Grand Treasurer—S. K. Coles, Augusta.

District Grand Director—L. H. A. Bell.

The following district auditors were elected: T. K. Pursley, of Macon; E. J. Matthews, of Cuthbert, and W. L. Hughes, of Dublin.

Other Officers—H. L. Johnson, of Atlanta, district grand attorney; A. D. Jones, of Atlanta, district grand medical examiner.

Just before adjournment the following resolution was read and unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the D. G. L. No. 18 hereby expresses its great appreciation of the uniform kindness shown to officers and delegates by the citizens and the courtesy of the peace officers of the city and county, especially the splendid cordiality of his excellency, Mayor Bridges Smith. We further express our thanks to the Macon Telegraph and Evening News for the full accounts that they have carried daily of our meetings furnished by their capable reporter, Rev. C. G. Parks."

COLORED MASONS WILL HAVE HOME

Contract Awarded for $40,000 Structure to Be Erected at West and Vermont Streets.

INDIANAPOLIS IND STAR
JULY 22, 1917

At a meeting of the building committee last week at the law office of R. L. Brokenburr on North Pennsylvania street bids were received for the new Masonic Temple to be erected on North West and Vermont streets by the colored Masons of this city. The building will cost $40,000. The Central, Trinity, Meridian and Southern Cross Lodges have formed a corporation for the purpose with the following officers: Frank Alexander, president; William Frazier, vice president; Hiram C. Hoskins, secretary, and John C. Dawson, treasurer.

Building to Be Complete.

The building will be made of brick with stone trimmings and will be three stories high, besides the basement. Provisions have been made for three bowling alleys and a billiard room in the basement, two modern flats and several storerooms on the first floor, an auditorium for public meetings on the second floor and assembly rooms for the Masonic lodges and the O. E. S. on the third floor. The building when completed will be modern in every respect, including elevator service, and will be the most adequate and imposing structure for colored people in the city. Special interest is shown in the proposed new auditorium which, it is expected, will meet a long felt need among the colored people.

"Strangers' Sunday" will be observed this afternoon by the colored Y. W. C. A. at the Ebenezer Church, North and California streets. The meeting will be open to the public and the members and friends of the association are urged to bring as many as possible of the newcomers to the city to this meeting. Mrs. Joseph E. Courtney, one of a committee appointed by the last session of the Lexington M. E. Conference to assist in caring for strangers in the large cities in the conference, will preside. Dr. W. H. Weaver, president of the Ministers Council, will deliver the principal address. The following program will be given: Greetings, Mrs. Courtney; solo, Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart; piano selection, Herman Taylor; solo, Mrs. Myrtle Robinson; piano selection, Miss Zenobia Fisher; address, Dr. W. H. Weaver; solo, Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart; piano selection, Miss Karlena Galloway; solo, Mrs. Lucretia Mitchell; violin selection, James Hodge. Following this meeting all strangers will be tendered a reception at the Y. W. C. A. rooms across the street. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. York Jennings is the guest of relatives and friends at Greencastle, Ind.

R. L. Bailey departed this week for Anniston, Ala., where he will be the guest of his parents for a few days.

F. B. Ransom, attorney for the C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company, left last week for New York city, where he will be the guest of Mrs. C. J. Walker.

G. L. Hayes, who has been an instructor at the Tuskegee (Ala.) Industrial Institute during its summer school, will return home today.

Mrs. Amanda M. Pius of Bordentown, N. J., who was the guest of Mrs. Nellie Firmin at her home on West Twenty-fifth street, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baugh departed Monday for their home near Birmingham, Ala., to attend Mr. Baugh's father, who is ill.

The Twentieth Century Girls' Club will meet Saturday afternoon with Miss Ada Haskins at her home on West Twelfth street. A program will be given.

The Daughters of Isis will give a lawn fete Wednesday evening, Aug. 1, at the home of Mrs. Allie Gilliam on North West street.

The Rev. Charles S. Williams, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, returned yesterday from Chicago, where he attended the National Young People's Congress of the A. M. E. Church.

The Elizabeth Carter Council at its meeting last week with Mrs. Goldie Watkins on North California street decided to assist Miss Ida Mae Miller in her theological course at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, O. The next meeting of the council will be held with Mrs. Marshall Davis at her home on West Eleventh street.

At the Sunday school convention of the Indianapolis district of the A. M. E. Conference last week at Greencastle the following officers were elected: C. P. Swann, Plainfield, president; Miss Mary Yates, Rockport, secretary; Mrs. Clara Jones, Indianapolis, treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Terre Haute.

A reception was tendered the Rev. S. D. Davis, the new minister at Jones Tabernacle, last Monday evening by the members and friends. In outlining the program for the year it was announced that a campaign for a new church building would be launched. R. L. Brokenburr was named as chairman of the building committee.

The marriage of Miss Lillian A. Stone to William T. Hughes took place Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Emma Mumford on West Eleventh street. The Rev. P. T. Gorham performed the wedding ceremony.

The Rev. W. W. Wines will preach at the new Baptist Church this morning on "Humility" and in the evening on "The Importance of God's Presence." The regular meeting of the Missionary Society will be held Thursday afternoon at the church.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People met Thursday evening at the colored Y. M. C. A. Building. A report on the status of the Gibbs case was made by the committee in charge. It was agreed that owing to the injustice accorded Dr. Gibbs some redress should be sought.

Indiana Grand Lodge of the colored Knights of Pythias will convene Tuesday at Muncie, Ind. J. H. Lott, grand attorney, and Silas Pritchett, grand treasurer, with delegates from the six lodges here will attend. The state session of the Court of Calanthe will be held at this time also.

The Rev. P. T. Gorham will preach this morning at Simpson Chapel on "Get a Vision" and in the evening on "A Discouraged Man."

The Woman's Home Missionary Society will meet this week with Mrs. Julia Smith on Fayette street.

The Rev. H. L. Herod will preach this morning at the Second Christian Church on "The Battle Field of the Heart" and in the evening on "The Test of Spiritual Health." A special song service will be the feature of the evening meeting. "The Young Man Who Found Himself" will be the theme of the praise meeting Wednesday evening, Miss Stina Taylor to be the leader.

The state convention of the colored Baptist Woman's Missionary Society will convene at Bloomington, Aug. 8. Among the Indianapolis women who will attend are Mrs. Ella Peters, state president; Mrs. Ida Winston, district president; Mrs. Anna Winstead, state corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mattie P. Griffin and Mrs. Ida B. Sweeney.

Great interest is being shown in the annual Alpha Home picnic, which will be held Thursday, Aug. 2, on the old home grounds on Darwin street. Dinner will be served during the day. The colored Y. M. C. A. and Clay's Military Bands will provide music for the occasion. Exhibition drills will be given by the military departments of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the United Brothers of Friendship. In the afternoon a program will be given. Addresses will be delivered by the Revs. G. W. Ward, C. S. Williams, P. T. Gorham, W. H. Weaver, Mrs. Gertrude Hill, Miss Alice Kelley, Miss Daneva I nell, Viss Viola Chaplain and Cha Jewett. The committee of arrangem is composed of the following pers Mesdames Julia Reed, Mary John Anna Walker, Alice Frazier, Ida Bry Mattie Parnell, Anna Cheatham, S Williams, L. B. McKay, Ella Willia Sallie Robinson, Nannie Stewart, I. Meadows, Bertha Reed, Tabitha Al ander and Minerva Worthington.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

The Defender
7/28/17

(Special to the Defender)

Little Rock, Ark., July 20.—After exhibiting figures showing the Mosaics to be the wealthiest organization in the country, and pulling off a parade that opened the eyes of thousanis of people that lines the streets, the triennial convention of the Mosaic Templars adjourned to-day.

The Mosaic Templas was founded by the late John E. Bush, long the political leader of Arkansas, and close friend to Booker T. Washington. He died in December, 1916, and his son, Chester E. Bush, succeeded him. Mr. Bush reported that since the Tuskegee meeting in 1914, 12,000 new members had been taken in and the bank account of the organization was, in round numbers $100,000 heavier.

More than a thousand delegates were so pleased with the report of the chief financial officers that they elected all the principal officers by acclamation. It took fifteen minutes to complete the election. There isn't much wrangling in the Mosaics.

The convention held here will be memorable because of the great number of visitors, the speech made by Roscoe Simmons before thousands of white and Race people, the eulogy on John E. Bush made by John H. McConico, national auditor of the Mosaics, who said that Mr. Bush, though fed on swine food died in a mansion, the reports of Grand Master Elliott and the Bush brothers, who are carrying on the work of their father.

Important changes were made in the laws. Hereafter Chester E. Bush will be both scribe and treasurer, the office of treasurer having been abolished. In the future the national grand lodge will meet every four years instead of every three years.

On motion of Scipio A. Jones, attorney-general, a "Mosaic Patriotic Day" was set aside. On this day funds will be raised to buy government securities, and keep up assessments of Mosaics who may be at the front fighting.

Already the Mosaic Templars own $30,000 worth of Liberty bonds. Not a man who helped to burn Ell Persons has bought as many as this Race organization.

Many great men came to the meeting. At the public exercises 2,000 people crowded the temple to listen to Roscoe Simmons. The mayor, the president of the chamber of commerce, the state commissioner of labor and many prominent white people were present. Mr Simmons was speaking of migration Turning to the white people he said "Take the rope from around my neck and put the ballot in my hand, and I'l stay."

The report of C. E. Bush showed that the Mosaic Templars have got $381,000 in cash money in Little Rock banks alone.

NATIONAL GRAND TABERNACLE MEETS

Pittsburgh Courier
10-11-17

The National Grand Tabernacle of Brother and Sisters of Love and Charity with J. P. Butler, N. G. W. S., opening its session at 10:30 a. m., Sept. 27, ot St. Mark's Church, 53rd street. The Master appointed the committee on credentials, namely, Sisters Elizabeth Mayfield, Caroline Brown, Eliza Mc Garie, Bro. E. V. Robinson, Sister Molly Brown. The welcome address was made by the Rev. Dr. Brooks, response by Bro. Ludkins.

At the afternoon session reports from the Grand Tabernacle of America were read, including Boston, Mass., North Carolina,, New York State, Virginia Louisiana and other states. Dr. Mayfield made a splendid address on Chiropodists and Bro. James F. A. Lashley extended greetings of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.

Bro. S. V. Robertson appealed for 25 charts to furnish 25 new Tabernacles in the State of Louisiana. Sister Lucretia Wilson made an eloquent address. The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Brooks at 8 p. m. Siste Henrietta Jackson Peters made an elo quent address and was given $5.00.

The memorial service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Faulke on Sept. 28, with Sister E. Mayfield singing, "Come Y Disconsolate." Dr. Faulke eulogized the late Bro. Crawford, a lawyer o Boston.

The following officers were nominated and elected: Bro. J. P. Butler, N. G W. S.; J. D. Ludkins, N. G. W. D.; John H. Newsome, N. G. F. S.; S. V Robertson, N. G. I. S.; S. Bullock, N. G. O. S.; Sister Amanda Gales, N. G. W. V.; A. I. Banks, N. G. R. S.; E. Mayfield, N. G. C.; E. Armstrong, N. G. T.; Molly Brown, N. G. W. C.; B. R. Butler, N. G. W. Assistant; Brothers Banks, Stevens, E. C. Evans, N. G. Organizers.

Never in the history of the order has the National Grand Tabernacle ever had a convention to equal the present. Too much credit cannot be given to the committee on entertaining the delegates. Total receipts were $580.00, after paying out $339.0.

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The Independent Order of Colored men of America met at Macedonia A. M. E. Church, Fulton County, for Annual Session Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and quite a number of delegates from the various parts of the state were present. The Grand Lodge was opened in due form by Grand Master, Rev. John T. Wilkinson. After a few preliminary remarks the Grand Lodge got down to business, and the various officers made their reports, which were good under existing circumstances. Notwithstanding, the great rush of business and work, considerable money was raised, and the report of the treasurer, Mrs. Annie Graves, was very gratifying.

Grand Master Wilkinson delivered an able Annual Address and declared that the Order was still intact and new members were added, and that while the Order had lost some members, she had gained new ones to take their places. He admonished the delegates to go into the highways and byways and urge their brothers and sisters to come into one of the best orders for the uplift of humanity in the state; to stand by the principles of the Order by proclaiming its teachings and exemplify them in their lives. He said it was not enough to preach them, but they should be illustrated in the examples they set and the lives they live. He said that the trouble with most members of societies was that they preached one thing and practiced another. He declared that example is better than precept; that people are often influenced more by what you do than what you say; that too many members were content with talk, but the thing that convinced men was what you do. He stated that the members should show their faith by their work; that was the only way to convince men that you believe in the urinciples of the Order to which they belonged. He urged upon them to do their full duty, and that could only be done by exerting every influence to increase the membership. He was applauded throughout his entire speech, and the delegates showed that they were with him. There is no doubt of the fact that he is ingratiated in the hearts of this noble society and is loved by the entire membership.

Mrs. L. B. Littlejohn, Grand Secretary, made a very able talk and showed great efficiency. Her records were up-to-date and showed that she was painstaking and interested in her work. She is the right woman in the right place. The Order is justly proud of her. Mrs. Lula Scroggins, Asst. Grand Secretary, renders valuable assistance to the Grand Secretary. Among some of the noted men members of this society are Mr. E. D. Holt, one of the most substantial citizens of Fulton County, also Mr. H. Scroggins. They are Dr. Wilkinson's great armour bearers; they are faithful and true, and would be a credit to any community. Grand Master Wilkinson is proud of them and has absolute confidence in them.

Several able addresses were made. The principal address was made by Prof. John W. Davison, of The Atlanta Independent. He spoke of the sterling qualities of Grand Master Wilkinson; that he was a man loved by all who knew him. He brought sunshine and cheer into everything in which he took part. He is magnetic and strenuous, and puts his whole heart into everything he goes at. These were the kind of men the world was calling for today; that their influence for good cannot be estimated; that in the great bivouac of life we need heroes like Dr. Wilkerson; that the Order was proud of him, and justly so; that Hon. B. J. Davis, District Grand Secretary of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows loved Dr. Wilkinson, because of his whole-heartedness, and regarded him as one of his warmest and most substantial friends. He declared we needed more men imbued with the same spirit, same enthusiasm and whole-heartedness that characterize Dr. Wilkinson. The address received considerable applause, and was regarded as one of the most timely for such an occasion. More will be said next week.

NEGRO PYTHIANS PARADE WITH 4000 IN LINE

ST LOUIS MO TIMES
AUGUST 22, 1917

The third day of the nineteenth biennial convention of the Colored Knights of Pythias, the encampment of the Uniform Rank and the conclave of the Supreme Court of the Order of Calanthe opened this morning. The sessions are being held in Pythian Temple, 8137 Pine street, and the encampment of the Uniformed Rank of Knights is at Compton avenue, between Pine and Market streets.

The chief event Wednesday is the grand military ball tonight at the Coliseum. More than 3000 Uniformed Knights in dress uniform and with glittering sabers and gold braid galore will give the ball a military air.

FOUR THOUSAND IN PARADE.

A parade last night was participated in by nearly 4000 Uniformed Knights and others. The line of march was over the downtown streets and thousands of spectators viewed the parade, which was led by a squad of mounted police. Many of the higher officers of the rank also were mounted.

The parade was besprinkled with military bands, most of whose time was devoted to the playing of patriotic airs. Hundreds of mellow darky voices joined in the singing when a familiar tune was started by the bands. American flags were numerous in the line of march, the number of national emblems exceeding by far the number of Pythian flags of the order's colors—red, yellow and blue.

SESSIONS END SATURDAY.

The two conventions and the encampment will be in session until Saturday. Leaders at the convention estimate that more than 10,000 negroes will have visited St. Louis before the final meeting is adjourned Saturday night. They come from every State in the union and represent a membership of several hundred thousand, the Order of Calanthe alone having more than 100,000 members.

The encampment of the Uniformed Knights has attracted thousands of visitors. They are encamped in little white tents, set in orderly rows, inclosed by a high canvas wall. The uniform of the privates in the rank is khaki, while those of the officers is of dark blue, with gold braid on every seam.

PREPARE FOR COMPETITIVE DRILL.

Drills are constantly being held by one company or another of the Knights, in preparation for a competitive drill, to be held Friday night in the Coliseum, when a prize of $350 will be given to the winning team.

At 5:30 p. m. each day a dress parade is held in the encampment, with all the companies taking part. An admission fee of 10 cents is charged at the encampment, to help defray expenses of the camp.

The parade of the convention will be held Friday morning, when all the Uniformed Knights in dress uniform, if the weather permits, will march through the downtown streets.

NEGRO LEADERS HERE.

Among the hundreds of delegates to the convention are many of the leading negro educators and business men. Many of the women are also well known among members of their race throughout the country.

Orators are numerous among the delegates, many of the speeches made before the sessions being impassioned and eloquent to an unusual degree. Patriotic sentiments expressed in speeches are greeted invariably by wild outbursts of cheering.

That the delegates are honored guests of the colored population of St. Louis is evidenced by the brilliant decorations in the territory between Twenty-second street and Grand avenue, along Clark avenue, Market and Pine streets. Here the building fronts are nearly covered with the red, yellow and blue, the Pythian colors. In every case, however, the American flag surmounts the other decorations.

WATERMELON SALE INCREASES.

With the temporary addition of several thousand negroes in the district around the encampment, the watermelon peddlers have been kept busy between the source of supply and the encampment. Wagons creak and groan under burdens that are soon disposed of, while the hucksters grow hoarse with calling their wares.

The supreme chancellor of the Knights is Edward E. Green of New Orleans, who will preside at all sessions of the convention. Robert R. Jackson of Kentucky, with the title of Major General, is in command of the Uniform Rank.

One of the distinguished visitors is former Congressman Thomas E. Miller of South Carolina. He served in Congress during President Harrison's administration. He has been in politics ever since, having served 18 years i the Legislature of his State. He is pa ticularly proud of the fact that he h two sons in the service of his coun One has received his commission First Lieutenant at the training for negro officers at Des Moines.

Eastern K. of P. Session Closes

Officers Elected; Two Cities After Next Convention

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 7.—The Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court, Knights of Pythias, eastern and western hemispheres, closed their session here when the final business session was held.

Officers were elected as follows: Supreme chancellor, W. Ashbie Hawkins, Baltimore (seventh term); past supreme chancellor, Solomon Tripp, Baltimore; supreme vice chancellor, Wm. H. Willis, New York (fourth term); S. K. R. S., George A. Gordon, Chelsea, Mass. (active); S. K. R. S., Wm. Grandison, Cambridge, Mass. (emeritus); S. M. Exch., John C. Anderson, Crewe, Va.; S. M. of F., Thos. K. Storts, Poughkeepsie; major general, uniform rank, W. Spencer Carpenter, Brooklyn; secretary of beneficiary department, Geo. E. Gordon; treasurer of beneficiary department, W. A. Heathman (sixth term); supreme trustees, Thomas G. Schyler of Boston, James R. Farrar of Bridgeport, W. S. Butler of Baltimore, J. Fred Freeman of Cambridge, Mass. (emeritus); supreme organizer, Richard E. Clark, New York.

Two Cities Want Next Meet

There were two cities in the field for the next convention, Philadelphia and Kansas City. The supreme chancellor will announce the choice later.

The members extend thanks to the press and the public for the hospitality and courtesy shown them here, and also to the grand lodge of the state of New York, in whose charge, with the aid of the local committee, the entertainment of the delegates was.

It was decided to extend the tenure of office of the secretary and partment from two to six years.

Ask Recognition

The following resolution was adopted:

Because of the fact that loyalty and sacrifices of our Race have long been given to these United States and do everything that pertains to good citizenship;

Be it resolved, that this Supreme Lodge and Supreme court, in joint assembly at their fifteenth bi-annual session at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., address to the President of the United States of America this open letter:

"We recognize our suffering under the injustices being heaped upon us as a people.

"Notwithstanding all of these conditions, this organization has rallied to the support of this government by giving both men and money, having as a Supreme Lodge invested $4,000 in Liberty bonds, which to our certain knowledge is the largest contribution to the government in this war by any Colored fraternal organization in this country; and because of this we hereby make this open appeal to the President of these United States, that due recognition for our loyalty in the past and readiness to support this government during these, its trying days, be accorded the nearly fifteen millions American Negroes of which we are a part and that no barriers be placed in our way to prevent us from doing our share towards the establishment and maintenance of that true democracy for which he is striving.

"Respectfully submitted,

"Wm. H. Willis, Wm. A. Heathman Elmer J. Puello, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Florina K. Owens, W. A. Hawkins, Supreme Chancellor Joint Committee on Resolutions."

Officers elected by the Supreme court of Calanthe, K. P., E. & W. H.: Supreme worthy councillor, Jennie H. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; supreme worthy assistant councillor, Jessie Draper, New York city; supreme worthy escort, L. B. Anderson, Crewe, Va.; supreme worthy register of deeds, Josephine Riley, Newport, R. I.; supreme worth receiver of deposit, Eugenia V. Heathman, Providence, R. I.

KANSAS CITY MO TIMES
AUGUST 29, 1917

Negro Fraternal Order Meets.

Delegates to the Supreme Grand Council of the Ancient Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem, a negro fraternal order, which is having its twenty-second annual session in Kansas City this week, will parade this afternoon. The line of march is on streets between Locust and Woodland avenues and Sixth and Eighteenth streets. The council's meeting is being held in Lyric Hall, 1731 Lydia Avenue.

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THE MACON DISTRICT GRAND

Session a Mighty Expression of Fraternal Solidarity---Davis and Ingram Endorsed to the Echo and Representatives from 600 Lodges Re-Elect Them.

The District Grand Lodge is now a matter of history. Loyalty received devoted and unanimous support, but treachery met an overwhelming Waterloo. Graves, Styles, Pitts and Decker Johnson have been relegated to the limbo of forgotten issues and their sun has set to rise no more. They sent a telegram to expectant wreckers as follows:

Macon, Ga., Aug. 16, 1917.

E. H. Morris, G. M.,
Chicago, Ill.

We met the enemy and they have captured us lock, stock and luggage. The fool people went back on us to a man and we could not get up a big enough crowd to bolt. Too bad, but there's nothing to do except to give up.

G. S. P. and J.

The delegation was one of the largest, most representative and intelligent in the history of the Order. Odd Fellows from all walks of life, from all sections of the state, were in attendance. Farmers, mechanics, artisans, laborers, professional men—men high in all the walks of life—all with one mind: Absolute, enthusiastic, determined loyalty and devotion to the leadership of Davis and Ingram in the management of the biggest and most wealthy organization possessed by Negroes in any state of the world.

The auditorium was filled to capacity on Tuesday morning when Grand Master Ingram called the session to order, and his fervent words were wildly applauded on all sides.

Rev. J. T. Wilkerson Led in Devotion.

The welcome addresses by Mayor Smith, Dr. Carwin, master of ceremonies, Rev. Hall, Miss Morris, Rev. Smith and Rev. Evans and the responses by Drs. Jones, Penn, R. C. Williams, Mrs. Hailey, J. H. Watson and Rev .Roseboro, were beautiful in sentiment, attractive in diction and perfect in delivery.

The annual address of Bishop R. S. Williams, D. D., L.L. D., was a perfect masterpiece of eloquence, breathing throughout of lofty ideals, intrepid courage, and ripe statesmanship. No speaker ever received such rapt attention and the great Bishop stood by common consent the great teacher of his people upon an occasion pregnant with the greatest consequences confronting the Negroes of Georgia since the war. There can be no doubt but that the great wisdom of this safe and robust leader fixed the mind of the Grand Lodge to the fearless performance of its work. The great Bishop struck the keynote, blazed out the path, and the doughty Odd Fellows did the work to the queen's taste.

The reports of the officers gave added courage to the fully determined delegates. They showed that the Order was not only solvent, but that also after passing through a crisis, that usually winds up business concerns, the Grand Lodge had surely added to its assets possessed before the trouble began and stood forth stronger after the war than it was before. They showed that after the Receiver had paid out upwards of $150,000.00 in death claims, maturing during his incumbency out of money taken in by him, there was a net balance to be added to available cash, without ever even touching the assets which he found on hand upon taking charge as an officer of the court.

The roll of delegates was perfected and approved by the Hon. J. D. Humphreys, auditor by appointment of Judge Bell and present at the session for the purpose. There were less than ten contests all told presented. Both sides were present and represented by counsel. Every doubt was resolved in favor of the wreckers and by their own testimony the roll of some 600 delegates stood admitted and approved by them as true and still the wreckers could not assemble 10 men to organize an opposition party.

The Grand Lodge settled down at once to the dispatch of business, and more constructive legislation was enacted in a shorter length of time than ever before in the history of the Order. Among other things there was provided:

1. For fraternal officers, as follows:

B. S. Ingram, Macon, D. G. M.
B. L. Jordon, Brunswick, D. D. G.M.
B. J, Davis, Atlanta, D. G. S.
S. K. Cole, Augusta, D. G. T.
L. H. A. Bell, Elberton, D. G. D.
E. J. Mathews, Dawson; W. L. Hughes, Dublin; T. K. Persley, Macon, D. G. Auditors.

2. For a Board of Directors of seven to control the Endowment, viz:

B. S. Ingram, Macon.
B. J. Davis, Atlanta.
Sim Jones, Washington.
R. C. Williams, Augusta.
E. J. Turner, Columbus.
H. H. Pace, Atlanta.
J. H. Watson, Albany.

3. Revised Endowment Laws.

4. Authorized and directed amendments to the State Charter.

5. Provided for delegates to the next B. M. C.

6. Pledged loyalty and support to President Wilson of the fraternity in the war for a world's democracy and freedom of all people.

7. Congratulated Col. Roosevelt as the greatest defender of people struggling for liberty and justice.

8. Provided for certificate holders meetings by districts.

9. Returned thanks unto the Lord for His loving kindness and adjourned.

The people have met and acted; The voice of the people sounded and District Grand Lodge of Georgia Odd Fellows began with renewed vigor upon its mighty march for the spread of the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, the ennoblement of the Negro race and the glory of Almighty God.

SUPREME GRAND TEMPLE OF THE U. B. OF A. Holds Biennial Session—Large Delegation Present

9/2/17

The Supreme Grand Temple of the United brotherhood of America, one of the leading and progressive fraternal organizations of this section of the country, which was founded by Prof. W. D. Kennedy in -09, and which has grown so rapidly that it now has branches throughout Georgia, and nearly all of the adjoining states, held its Biennial Session at Beach Island, S. C., Aiken County on July 23rd to 25th, inclusive.

A large delegation from the entire jurisdiction was present, and an enthusiastic meeting was held. The literary part of the program was well rendered and the business feature was harmoniously handled. The Supreme Grand Architect's report covering every phase of the work, together with his recommondations, was unanimously adopted.

The reports submitted by J. S. Perry, Supreme Grand Scribe, show the order has a membership of approximately five thousand (5000) men, women and children, united under the banner of the U. B. of A.

The report of the S. G. R. of F., J. H. Butler, showed that the cash balance on hand, real estate, bonds, and other investments and assets amount to over fifteen ($15,000) thousand dollars.

The Hall ond Mercantile Association, which is the business department of this order, was shown to be in the most excellent condition.

The following are the officers: W. D. Kennedy, S. G. A., Savannah, Ga.; C. L. Davis, Vice S. G. A., Savannah, Ga.; S. S. Singfield, Vice S. G. A., Savannah, Ga.; J. S. Perry, S. G. S., Savannah, Ga.; J. F. Busch, Asst. S. G S, Savannah, Ga.; J. H. Butler, S. G. R. of F., Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Phoebe Morgan, S. G. Matron, Savannah, Ga.; C. H. McIntosh, S. G. D., Savannah, Ga.; C. H. Hightower, S. G. Messenger, Atlanta, Ga.; Ephriam George, S. G. Inner Watch, Beach Island, S. C.; John L. Lodge, S. G. O. W., Midville, Ga.; Asia Bacote, S. G. Att., Savannah, Ga.; Rev. J. M. Stephens, S. G. H. P., Egypt, Ga.; John R. Bryant, Asso Member, Savannah, Ga.

This order has a special dispensation on for the next thirty days in which time it is planned by the S. G. A's. office and the various district officers to double the membership of the order. All men and women of good moral character are extended an invitation to join. For information, write the headquarters address Hon. W. D. Kennedy, S. G. A. of the U. B. of A. Temple, Savannah, Ga.

GA. NEGRO ODD FELLOWS BAN PHILADELPHIA WING

Macon, Ga., August 15.—(Special.)—Georgia's negro Odd Fellows cut loose from the Philadelphia wing of that organization, the so-called subcommittee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, and placed their endowment feature of the order in the hands of a "board of directors for the Georgia corporation," consisting of nine members of the order.

The move, negroes admit, means a long court fight and the battle may be carried to the United States supreme court. The subcommittee, it is expected, will refuse to adopt the changed plans in the endowment laws, but Henry Lincoln Johnson, the district grand attorney, tells them that their action is legal, and though they may be put out of business for the time being, he says they will eventually win. The endowment feature is only a side issue, it is declared, and the fraternal feature remains unchanged.

B. S. Ingram, of this city, and B. J. Davis, of Atlanta, had absolute control of the convention. A bitter fight was expected, but efforts to unseat them failed.

Officers elected include B. S. Ingram, district grand master; B. J. Davis, district grand secretary; B. L. Jordan, district grand deputy; S. K. Coles, Augusta, district grand treasurer; L. H. A. Bell, district grand director. H. L. Johnson of Atlanta, was chosen attorney, and A. D. Jones, of Atlanta, medical examiner.

NEGRO ODD FELLOWS TO SEEK END TODAY TO COURT LITIGATION

The local Odd Fellows, under the auspices of the Atlanta Joint Thanksgiving assembly, will hold a mass meeting at the Butler Street A. M. E. church this afternoon at 3 o'clock in support of the members of the order who are endeavoring to settle the present troubles now in the court of the state in the form of a receiver and other litigations. They will also discuss the coming meeting of the lodges to be held at Macon, August 14.

A resolution will also be offered indorsing the patriotic stand taken by the colored people in purchasing the Liberty Loan bonds, and a resolution on the many negroes who left Tuesday for Des Moines, Iowa, to be trained as officers.

The meeting as planned will be held at the Butler Street church, but if it is found to be inadequate for the occasion the committee has arranged for the speaking to take place from a platform on the outside of the church near the Grady hospital.

Among those who have been invited to speak are H. N. Randolph, Albert Howell, Jr., J. L. Anderson, Arthur Heyman, R. W. Crenshaw, and J. D. Hynds, white; Rev. L. H. King, W. A. Fountain, E. H. Oliver, John Harmon, John Barnes, M. Thompson, Ernest Hall, T. L. Ballou, P. J. Bryant, S. H. Jackson, R. D. Stinson, L. A. Townsley, J. A. Hadley, A. D. Williams, T. H. Slater, L. M. Hill, A. F. Herndon, T. K. Gibson, C. W. Hill, J. S. Wheeler, Cornelius King, S. Cunningham, W. S. Canon, H. R. Butler, H. A. Rucker, G. W. Owens, E. P. Johnson, S. W. Walker, P. A. Allen, J. K. Darden, E. B. Barco, C. L. Harper, J. B. Conn, J. H. Baskin, W. H. Whittaker and A. Graves.

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Dt. Addie E. Simpson, V. G. P. .....Waycross, Ga.
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Dr. M. L. Taylor, Grand Medical Examiner .....Columbus, Ga.

The Atlanta Independent Official Organ

Mr. Justice McCoy of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia handed down an opinion on Friday April 13, 1917, at Washington, D. C. in the case of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, N. A. S. A., E., A. and A. John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor, against the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias N. A., S. A., E., A., A. & A., S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, in which he declared that the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Virginia, had been wrongfully expelled from the Supreme Lodge. This is the conclusion of one of the most remarkable fraternal cases ever tried in this country.

Richmond Planet
4/21/17

THE TAX AND STATE'S RIGHTS.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Supreme Lodge are framed in accordance with the Constitution of the United States. The Supreme Lodge attempted to levy a head tax on the individual members within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia by a mere resolution. John Mitchell, Jr., who at that time was chairman of the Committee on Law and Supervision of the Supreme Lodge, held that this could not constitutionally be done. The Grand Lodge,, Knights of Pythias of Virginia sustained him in this position and it was expelled from the Supreme Lodge at its session in Baltimore after the Grand Lodge had been previously suspended by the Supreme Chancellor.

ABLE COLORED COUNSEL.

At Baltimore, the Grand Lodge was represented by Attorneys Harry S. Cummings, of Baltimore, Md.; J. Thomas Newsome, of Newport News, Va.; William H. Stanton, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and William M. Reid, of Portsmouth, Va. These colored attorneys conducted the case before the Supreme Lodge. The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Virginia, was denied admission to the Supreme Lodge and was not allowed to appear before that tribunal to conduct its own defense. Every effort was made to prevent a resort to the courts.

ARBITRATION WAS REFUSED.

Through counsel, an offer was made to place the tax money in escrow and to submit the question to a Board of Arbitration. The Supreme Lodge was to name one of the arbitrators and the Grand Lodge the other, and the two of them were to select the third member. The Supreme Lodge officials would not even consider this proposition. With the expulsion of Virginia, the Supreme representatives, John Mitchell, Jr., Thomas M. Crump, E. R. Jefferson and T. H. Wyatt, with R. C. Mitchell and U. S. G. Patterson as alternates, decided to employ additional counsel.

ADDITIONAL COUNSEL.

Messrs. Smith and Gordon of Richmond were employed, and they were supplemented by Messrs. Wilson Huidekofer and Lesch, of Washington. After a prolonged hearing before Mr. Justice Ashley M. Gould, of the Supreme Court of the Distirct of Columbia, the following injunction was granted:

THE INJUNCTION ISSUED.

In the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Holding an Equity Court.

Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa, a corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs.
The Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, and others, Defendants.

Equity No. 32281.

This case coming on to be heard upon a bill of complaint, the affidavits in support thereof, the rule to show cause, and the answer, it is, upon consideration thereof, this second day of February, 1914, by the Court—

ADJUDGED, ORDERED and DECREED that the defendants and each of them and their officers, agents and attorneys, and all others on their behalf, be and they are hereby restrained, during the pendency of this suit, or until the further order of the Court, from declaring or treating the fraternal charter of the plaintiff corporation as revoked and from declaring or treating the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, of the jurisdiction of Virginia as dissolved; and from declaring or treating the lodges subordinate to the plaintiff in the State of Virginia and the members attached to the same as not entitled to the rights and privileges of members of the order of the defendant corporation, and from calling on members elsewhere to regard and treat such subordinate lodges and members as not so entitled; and from attempting to enforce the decree or enactment of the Supreme Lodge, purporting to revoke the charter of the plaintiff and to dissolve the said Grand Lodge, of the jurisdiction of Virginia; and from circulating any proclamations or letters addressed to the Grand Lodges, subordinate lodges and members of the order, calling attention to or calculated or intended to carry into effect and enforce the attempted revocation of the plaintiff's fraternal charter and dissolution of said Grand Lodge; and from setting up or attempting or purporting to set up, within the State of Virginia, a Grand Lodge, other than the plaintiff, of the Knights of Pythias of the order of the defendant corporation; and from doing any other act or thing on the assumption that the said Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia has been dissolved or that its fraternal charter has been revoked.

ASHLEY M. GOULD,
Justice.

(Seal)
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J. R. YOUNG, Clerk.
by F. E. Cunningham, Asst. Clerk.

REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER.

The act of expulsion consisted in revoking the charter of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at the session of the Supreme Lodge in Baltimore, August 25-30, 1913. At the session of the Supreme Lodge in Columbus, Ohio, August, 1915, the Supreme Chancellor and the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals refused to recognize the Grand Lodge, K. of P. of Virginia, and the representatives were denied admittance, despite the mandate of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. The delegation went direct to Washington and gave orders for contempt proceedings to be instituted against the officers of the Supreme Lodge, to-wit: S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal; R. R. Jackson, Major-General, Uniform Rank order. The case was argued in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in December, 1915, and Mr. Justice McCoy took the matter under advisement.

SOME QUESTIONS OF LAW.

He stated, then, that he had about made up his mind in the case, but on some questions of law, he decided each side to submit supplementary briefs. Since that time, both sides have been anxiously awaiting a decision. The full text of the opinion has not as yet reached this office. The effect of the opinion will be to cause S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, to revoke his order of suspension and to nullify the action of the Supreme Lodge in revoking the charter of the Grand Lodge and in dissolving the same. The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias is incorporated under the laws of Virginia, and for this reason was enabled to defend itself in a court of law.

NATION-WIDE INTEREST.

This case has attracted a nation-wide interest so far as colored folks are concerned, and this legal announcement has been received with unbounded joy by the colored Knights of Pythias of this State, who have done everything to bring about a reasonable and fair conclusion of the great struggle. Those Grand Jurisdictions which have declined to recognize Virginia as a member of the Order are in the same predicament as the Supreme Lodge itself.

AFTERMATH OF PYTHIAN MEETING

Virginia Was Not Represented At National Gathering In St. Louis

The Journal and Guide

DISPUTE STILL IN COURTS

Disposition To Arbitration The Long Drawn Out Legal Battle Was Manifested.

9/1/17

(By C. J. Harstew.)

Hot Springs, Ark.—I have been to the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and while there were not as many people there as has been in past years, yet the session was successful in many particulars, and perhaps one of the greatest in the history of the order, and the next will be held in Atlantic City, N. J. There was a lively contest between the city that won, and the city of Louisville, Kentucky. Supreme Chancellor Green was himself and he made many friends by the

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manner in which he presided over the body. He is just one dignified officer, and his friends all admired him. He was unanimously elected for another two years, for which he expressed thanks. There were many important things transacted during the session.

The supreme court was presided over by Supreme Worthy Counsellor Joseph L. Jones, of Cincinnati, and he made a fine presiding officer in a way, and that I shall discuss later. I want to pay my respects to some of the people there, and congratulate the city of St. Louis and the State of Missouri for the fine manner in which they transacted business. Do you know that this body, or bodies are composed of some of the greatest men and women in America? If you do not know it I will tell you.

You take for instance from South Carolina, there was Prof. Robert Shaw Wilkinson, president of the South Carolina State college at Orangeburg, S. C. He was just one great man, and has been all of his life. He is a man who was born to direct the lives of young people. Modeest, unassuming, yet he is as deep as the ocean and learned like the Apostle Paul. He is to our race what retired President Elliot is to the white people of our country, and that is putting it mildly. He deserves as much as you can say about him or as much as you can do for him.

Georgia, had some of its strong men and women there, and I got much out of coming in touch with them and tel you they certainly did do things in great shape there. To me it was a source of pleasure to come in touch with these great and good people from that section of the country.

Virginia—well it was not there, although there seemed to be a great desire to kiss and make up. This was the expression from many of the representatives there. Many of the state had declared that the case would be settled through abitration if they could get hold of Hon. John Mitchell, but he did not come, but on the other hand said that he would be contented to settle or abide by the decision of the courts. I regret this so very much because it takes so much money out of the hands of our people—money that could be used for good, but it is put into the hands of the other people through the courts. Such is life. It is hoped that at the next session Virginia will be there and all other states. For instance for assistance in the injunction suit in Washington it cost the supreme attorney $1450; to Wm. McCard attorney in Virginia case $700; Henry E. Davis and James A. Cobb, $750, and this is from the printed record. In this I leave out the railroad fare and expenses of the Supreme attorney, the Supreme Chancellor, the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, stenographers, and transcribing notes

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DEDICATE BUILDING

The Grand Lodges, the Grand Court, Order of Calantha, Subordinate Lodges of K. of P., and Courts of Calantha Attended.

The Bee. Dec 22, 1917

Grand Parade and Dedication on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 29—Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green and Grand Chancellor J. S. Johnson Officiated.

Special by H. A. Clarke.

The Knights of Pythias, of North America, South America, Europe Asia, Africa and Australia, dedicated their immense, costly, modern, magnificent and handsome assemblage and business structure at the corner of Twelfth and You Streets N. W., Washington, D. C., Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 29th, at 3 p. m. The dedication services were conducted by the Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Green, and addresses were delivered by many prominent speakers, after which there was a grand dance from 8 p. m. to 1 a. m. The program was as follows:

Assembly called to order, Captain L. E. Murray, chairman of the dedicatory services; music, band; invocation, Rev. J. D. Pair; remarks, Grand Chancellor John S. Johnson, master of ceremonies; dedication, Supreme Chanleclor S. W. Green, assisted by Supreme and Grand Lodge officers; music, band; offering; fraternal greeting, G. U. O. of O. F., George M. Cook, District Grand Master; A. O. K. of J., Norris Riley, S. G. General; I. B. P. O. E. of W., Hon. A. W. Scott, Grand Exalted Ruler; I. O. of S. L., Rev. A. C. Garner, District Deputy; A. I. O. of M., J. A. Mumerlyne, Grand Master; Judiciary, Hon. R. H. Terrell; U. S. Government, Hon. Emmett J. Scott; the people's banker, John W. Lewis, and Mr. J. Finley Wilson, The Eagle.

Friday, November 30th, the dedicatory services ended with another grand dance from 8 p. m. to 1 a. m. Music was furnished by Prof. Sylvester Thomas' celebrated, famous and all-popular "All Star Orchestra." A prize of ten dollars was awarded to the organization with the greatest number of male members present in uniform. Refreshments were served in abundance at moderate prices.

The superstructure is constructed of buff brick, with granite base and trimmings, and is five stories in height, including the basement. It contains a large auditorium and an arcade, each of which has a capacity of about one thousand, and numerous minor halls and lodge rooms. It is centrally located in the popular, beautiful and residential northwest section of the Capital City of the Nation, being on one of the principal car lines and business thoroughfares of the municipality. It is convenient to all of the car lines and transportation systems of the District of Columbia, making it easily accessible to the colossal Union Station, the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis electric railway, the steamboat wharves, the U. S. Capitol, the White House, the Treasury and the numerous other public buildings, grounds, churches, universities, schools and places of interest of the seat of government.

The orders assembled at Third and I Streets S. W., Knights resting on Third Street S. W., at 1 p. m. sharp. The grand street parade consisted of the following: First Division, Platoon of Metropolitan Police; Chief Marshal and Aides; General J. Clay Smith, Staff and Band; Uniform Rank, K. of P., D. C.; General L. E. Williams and Uniform Rank K. of P. Md.; General Norris Riley, Staff and A. O. K. of J.

Second Division, Capt. J. N. Lawson, Patriarchie No. 42, G. U. O. of O. F., D. C., and Col. W. T. Conray, General Guy V. Henry Garrison, Army and Navy Union, D. C.

Third Division, Exalted Ruler Alexander Taylor and Morning Star Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. of W., No. 40, D. C.; Exalted Ruler Edward F. Bundy and Columbia Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. of W., No. 85, D. C.; the Marching Club, G. U. O. of O. F., D. C.; carriages, the Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, New Orleans, La.; and Grand Chancellor John S. Johnson; Supreme Master at Arms and Grand Chancellor of Maryland G. A. Watty; Grand Chancellor A. F. Davidson and Staff of New Jersey, and Grand Worthy Counsellor Mrs. E. J. Murray; Grand Lodge Officers; Grand Court Officers and all other vehicles.

The officers of the committee on dedication were Captain L. E. Murray, chairman; Gen. J. Clay Smith, secretary, and Sir R. G. Johnson, treasurer.

LIVELY ELECTION MARKS K. P. SESSION

The Washington Bee 7/28/17

(Special to The New York Age)

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—The presence of Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green at the twenty-eighth session of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of N. A. S. A. E. A. A and A, held here last week, made the session one of unusual interest to the members of the order. The Suprem Chancellor remained through the entire session of four days and presided almost the entire time.

The fight to repeal the brigade tax and also the attempt to put out all the old officers of the Grand Lodge was also the source of intense interest in the proceedings of this session.

The welcome address by the Mayor of New Rochelle and the eloquent response by the Supreme Chancellor will long be remembered by all who attended the exercises at St. Catherine's A. M. E. Zion Church on the evening of July 16. Grand Chancellor John Mitchell, Jr., of Virginia, was also in evidence at the session.

There was a parade on Thursday afternoon, at which the uniform rank was the special attraction, and judging from the crowds that thronged the streets, a favorable impression was made on the inhabitants.

The election of officers began about 5:30 in the afternoon on Thursday and lasted continuously until 4 o'clock the next morning, resulting as follows: Grand Chancellor Lee Crawford unanimously re-elected; M. E. Davis of Binghamton, elected vice grand chancellor without opopsition; the Rev. R. J. Strother of Utica, re-elected prelate without opopsition; J. Thomas Johnston, elected grand keeper of records and seal; W. H. McFarland of Brooklyn, re-elected grand master of exchequer; Philip W. Jones of Manhattan, re-elected grand treasurer of the Reserve Fund Department; Paul H. Bray, elected grand secretary of the Reserve Fund Department; the Rev. F. W. Crews was elected past grand chancellor; James H. Anderson, elected grand lecturer; Counselor Wilford H. Smith, re-elected grand lodge attorney and also chosen Supreme Lodge representative.

Considerable interest was shown in the contest over the office of Grand Treasurer of the Reserve Fund Department between P. W. Jones and H. A. Howell; also in the contest between Paul H. Bray and C. Franklin Carr over the office of Secretary of the Reserve Fund Department. The race for Grand Lodge Attorney between W. H. Smith and Philip W. Thorne of Manhattan, and M. W. Bennett of Yonkers attracted considerable interest. Likewise was the contest over the office of Supreme Lodge Representative between Wilford H. Smith and the Rev. H. L. Jones of Manhattan.

According to the Grand Chancellor's address, the order in the State of New York at present has a total enrolment in the men's branch, of 43 subordinate lodges, with a membership of 1,816; while the women's branch consists of 24 courts of Calanthe, with a membership of 744. Financially, the order is in a flourishing condition, the Grand Lodge having a total asset, over ilabilities, of $7,026.95; while the assets of the subordinate lodges aggregate $5,536.73, this exclusive of the assets of the Grand Court of Calanthe and the subordinate courts.

Syracuse was selected as the place for the holding of the next annual session of the Grand Lodge.

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NEGRO PYTHIANS ELECT

Voting unanimously, the Woman's Council of the Colored Knights of Pythias last night subscribed for $1,000 in Liberty Bonds, at the meeting at Pythian Temple, 3137 Pine street. Reports of the colored Knights of Pythias were read, showing the organization had a membership totaling 318,000, and total resources of $1,000,000.

Officers for the year were elected. The supreme chancellor was re-elected for the third time, and all supreme officers were also re-elected. Officers for women's council, the Supreme Court of Calanthe, will be selected Saturday.

Officers are: S. W. Green, supreme chancellor; Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, vice supreme chancellor; E. E. Underwood, Louisville, Ky., supreme keeper of records and seals; A. H. Newton, Trenton, N. J., supreme prelate; John H. Young, Pine Bluff, Ark., supreme master of the exchequer, re-elected for twenty-third time; Dr. U. C. Mason, supreme medical register; Col. R. R. Jackson, Chicago, major general of Uniform Rank; J. G. Lattie, Winston, N. C., supreme inner guard; Henry James, Jacksonville, Fla., supreme outer guard; S. A. T. Watkins, supreme attorney; L. M. Mitchell, Austin, Tex., supreme lecturer.

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OMAHA ROYALLY ENTERTAINS GREAT FRATERNAL ORDER

The Plaindealer

The Knights *and* Daughters *of* Tabor Hold Most Instructive and Profitable Session in History.

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The greatest session in the history of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor of Kansas and Nebraska Jurisdiction was held in Omaha during the past week. This was the twenty-sixth annual session. All of the grand officers were in their stations as follows:

Sir Frank Wilson, C. G. M.; Dtr. Emma Gaines, C. G. P.; Sir A. M. Harrold, V. G. M.; Dtr. Ida Wallace, V. G. P.; Sir A. W. Hopkins, C. G. S.; Dtr. Sarah Williams Forbes, C. G. R.; Sir J. G. Burdette, C. G. T.; Sir Walter Williams, G. P. P.; Dtr. Bessie Hall, G. Q. M.; Sir Rev. H. W. White, C. G. O.; Dtr. Pauline Woodfork, C. G. Pr.; Dtr. Eliza Scott, G. I. St.; Sir Shelby D. Bridgewater, G. C. B.; Sir Geo. W. Walker, G. D. M.; Sir Allen M. Jones, G. O. St.; Sir William H. Cole, C. G. G.; Sir C. H. Kuntz, C. G. G.; Sir John N. Davis, C. G. G.; Sir Rev. S. S. Washington, C. G. J.; Sir William Buffington, C. G. J.; Sir Ernest R. Roberts, C. G. J.; Dtr. Lue H. Nelson, C. G. J.; Dtr. Alice O. Murrell, C. G. J.; Dtr. Parthenia Wooton, C. G. J.; Dtr. Alice Gibson, C. G. J.; Dtr. Katherine Glaspie, C. G. Te.; Dtr. M. E. Holt, C. G. Te.; Dtr. Maycie Miller, C. G. Te.; Sir James H. Downs, Taborian Treasurer.

They were loyal and, of great assistance to the Chief Grand Mentor and Chief Grand Preceptress; and business was dispensed of in such a manner that everything was closed Friday night at the auditorium where over eight hundred people witnessed the ceremonies.

The reports from the Chief Mentor and other grand officers showed the order in a good and healthy condition and that the members were doing fine work and were faithful because they knew that the money they were putting into the Order was being safely guarded and properly handled. Reports showed over seventy deaths in in the past year and the Order has guaranteed to pay $160 to the beneficiary of each upon proof of the death of each member in good standing, also several thousand dollars was paid out for burial purposes while several Orders have burial associations within each district where there are enough lodges; and at this session a new law was passed authorizing the Chief Grand Mentor to extend the burial association clause so that other Tabernacles and Temples in other portions of the jurisdiction could combine and make it much easier. The Chief Grand Mentor has the authority to do this and will prepare such a plan. Everything was serene and orderly and business transacted in a Christian, brotherly like manner and there was no dissension of any kind; everything was harmonious. All of the reports of the various committees were adopted by a unanimous vote without any discussion. The Chief Grand Mentor has everything well in hand in appointing his committees, he seems to know the power, influence and capability of each individual Sir Knight and Daughter and he selected them on every committee and when they submitted their reports, they were never questioned. There were very few changes in the election of officers: Rev. W. W. White was elected Chief Grand Orator and Sir Walter Williams was elected to succeed himself as G. P. P., having been appointed during the past year to fill out the unexpired term of C. M. Johnson.

Much credit is due the citizens of Omaha and especially the Sir Knights and Daughters of Tabor who did so much to make this session a success. Omaha has covered herself with glory and it can truthfully be said that of all the annual sessions that have been held, and some have been held in Omaha before, but this was the grandest ever held from every point of view.

The Order is in a growing and healthy condition, over $14,000 was collected into the Endowment Department and thousands of dollars was paid out for burial purposes and sick benefits and all the money thus expended was not enumerated in the report of the grand officers, this being handled by the districts and individual Temples, Tabernacles and Tents. The session was held at Zion Baptist church, 2215-17 Grant street of which Rev. W. F. Botts is pastor. Only the basement of the church is completed and services are now being held in it as the basement alone is finer than most of the colored churches; everything is first-class, have rest rooms, electric fans and everything convenient. The church when completed will cost something near $50,000.

The session opened Tuesdoy morning with all the officers in their stations. Recepton was held at night at which time Mayor Dahlman made the welcome address in person and turned the keys to the city over to the members of the Order and wished them God's speed and a successful meeting. He showed that he was a friend to the race and harbored no color prejudice but wanted to see all industrious and intelligent human beings recognized as American citizens. He had the beautiful arc lights which cover the main street of Omaha displayed with lights with he words, "Welcome Knights and Daughters of Tabor to Omaha" and these lights burned brilliantly every night.

Dr. H. D. Voorhies, of Kansas City, responded to the welcome address. Rev. Botts acted as toastmaster, and a number of addresses were delivered by members of the local Tabernacles and Temples all of which were responded to by Chief Grand Mentor Wilson. Mrs. W. T. Osborne made the welcome address on behalf of the Sir Knights and Daughters of Omaha, assuring the visitors that they were welcome to Omaha, and we must say that Mrs. Osborne is in a class to herself as a silver tongued orator. She was applauded when her name was mentioned, throughout her address and when she completed.

The annual sermon was held on Wednesday evening and preached by the Grand Orator, Rev. Wooten. He is a forceful speaker and gave much history on Taborian and the Christian life one should live so as to be useful to the Order. A splendid collection was raised. Music was furnished by the choir and ladies' band throughout the session.

The Sir Knights and Daughters of Omaha are to be congratulated upon the organization of their ladies' band. This is the first ladies' band in the history of the Taborian lodge of this country, and they are not only fine musicians, but all were fine, beautiful portly ladies and many compliments were passed on their beautiful appearance in band uniform as well as the music rendered. A musical program was had on Friday and was well attended. We are proud to say that there was no contest to speak of at the election held on Thursday, and on Tuesday after the Chief Grand Mentor and Chief Grand Preceptress and a number of other officers finished reading their annual addresses they were re-elected by acclamation, showing that the members were satisfied with their administrations and glad to re-elect those who had deported themselves so well.

The parade was held on Friday, starting from the church and headed by the First Regiment band, followed by the Ladies' Tabernacle band, mounted colored policemen, Palatium Guards of uniformed Knights, Maids and Pages of honor and Princess of Media under command of Sir George Walker, G. D. M., and assisted by other mounted Taborian Knights. There were over thirty automobiles in line and the procession was beautiful and admired by thousands of people who lined the streets as they passed. The beautiful floats of Tents filled with sweet little children regaled in their uniforms attracted much attention and praise. The procession was a grand sight with the waving plumes and swords glistening in the rays of the sunlight. They marched to the City Auditorium where a big dinner was served and a grand time enjoyed by all. The exhibition drill by the various drill teams was a great sight to behold and they were applauded by a great crowd. Omaha was surprised to know they had a ladies' team within their own midst that could drill so well. The ladies looked beautiful and handled their swords and went through the maneuvers as well as the Palatium Guards.

The grand lodge passed some resolutions at large to collect money to assist in building up the Palatium guards and also to send the best drill team to Chicago in 1918 at the triennial session.

Dtr. Emma Gaines, Chief Grand Preceptress presented Sir Captain Morton of Palatine Guards of Parsons, with a beautiful silk banner saying that she wanted to encourage department as this was the making of the Order.

At Salina, Dtr. Lenora Gray was made chairman of the art department of the Grand Session at which time the different Tabernacles sent art work to be placed on sale and the money so derived is used for the up-keep of the old folks' home. Mrs. Gray with her assistants succeeded in raising $62 at the session in Wichita last year. Mrs. Gray is one of Omaha's leading ladies.

Two of the best things enacted by this session was the unanimous vote to bring the Grand Session to Topeka in July 1918 which we intend to make the your best session in the history of the Order although we confess we will have to go some to beat Omaha, but each individual member can rest assured that the 27th annual session will be the best as we have several Palatium Guards in Topeka and a large auditorium and no pains will be spared in the preparation. The next best thing was making The Plaindealer the official organ for another year and enacting a law that all Temples and Tabernacles take a year's subscription at the price of $1.50 and have sixty days from adjournment of the session in which to pay same. The Plaindealer was also given the printing of the minutes and all printing that is necessary and needed by the Order for which the editor of this paper and the office force are very thankful as this is a colored enterprise employing colored people and we own our own linotype, presses and all equipment for handling printing. The Taborian lodge is a colored man's Order pure and simple with all the degrees and passes, signs and grips originating in a colored man's brain and they are following out the plan and specifications laid down in the organization of the Order and we are glad that one colored organization is living up to their obligation. It was understood that the Tabernacles and Temples send in news which will be gladly published. All those indebted for last year's subscription will kindly send same along with their renewal for the coming year, and we hope that the officers in charge will see that this matter is attended to.

Omaha is a great city and we find now that nearly every grand order in Missouri as well as Kansas is trying to make it to Omaha or Lincoln to hold their grand sessions as they are treated so well.

BEN DAVIS WINS GREAT VICTORY OVER THE S. C. M.

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Ben Davis fight has been one of principle, one for the integrity of the Order and the perpetuation of its principles and policies. His fight has been entirely unselfish; he was conscious of the fact that he had done no wrong; that he had not violated a single principle of the order or law of the land, and that the S. C. M.'s action against him was purely selfish, willful and maliciously resorted to as necessary political measure.

He has built up the Order from nothing in Georgia to a corporation with three quarters of a million in admitted assets; has paid to the widows and orphans of the jurisdic-

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tion, two millions; has furnished employment to hundreds of his race and was steadily and constructively building up a useful and helpful citizenship, developing in the race a loyalty and patriotism that means in the end both moral and material success for the Negro in America.

With these ideals dear to his heart, he lost himself in the enthusiasm of his task and fought only against the arbitrary actions of the Sub-Committee of Management for the principles of freedom and manhood, and as a result of his fight, the court has sustained his every contention. The S. C. M. undertook to suspend him and B. S. Ingram in January, 1916, and at the same time revoke the charter of the jurisdiction and throw the state into a state of chaos, insurrection and destruction. Davis' friends at once sought to protect the vast holdings of the 50,000 men and women by asking the courts to take charge and conserve the interest of the property holders. This, the court did.

The enemies appealed to the Supreme Court; here, Ben Davis was sustained and the Receivership affirmed; Davis, being the Assistant Receiver.

The S. C. M. decided that the merger voted by the Households in 1911 was illegal. The S. C. M. met on July 13, 1917 and restored the charter to Johnson, Pitts and Styles, and directed them to elect successors to Davis and Ingram, and call a District Grand Lodge. The S. C. M. took this drastic action in spite of the fact that these brethren were enjoined in common with the S. C. M. from doing this very act, but they were directed to do these things in spite of the court; but the court decided that the charter had never been revoked, and it has been at all time and is now of full force and effect which voids the action of the S. C. M. in attempting to revoke or restore it; so Styles, Pitts and Johnson, being enjoined by the courts from doing the very things the S. C. M. directed them to do, did not and could not act, and inasmuch as the courts had set aside every act of the S. C. M. as void, these brethren now return to take their former places on the Executive Committee along with Ingram and Davis.

The following order issued by His Honor, Judge Bell, will explain itself and tells you how fully and completely Ben Davis' victory is, and how completely the S. C. M. is routed, and its decision set aside on the grounds that they are void by the Honorable Court of Fulton County. These orders are permanent and the S. C. M. and all others are enjoined from violating them or refusing to recognize the court's mandate:

By consent of counsel representing all parties, it is CONSIDERED AND ADJUDGED as follows:

1. That the orders heretofore passed, granting temporary restraining orders and appointing a Temporary Receiver, be and the same are hereby reaffirmed.

2. That the Temporary Receiver and the temporary restraining orders heretofore granted be and the same are hereby made permanent, the Receiver to hold possession of the assets of the said District Grand Lodge until further order of this Court; it being by this court reserved to make such disposition of said assets as may be in accordance with the principles of law and equity.

3. That the claimed suspension of B. J. Davis by the Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

4. That the claimed suspension of B. S. Ingram by the Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

5. That the claimed expulsion and withdrawal of the charter of Century Lodge by the said Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

6. That the claimed expulsion of Alfred D. Jones by the Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is hereby declared illegal and void.

7. That the claimed expulsion of B. S. Ingram by the Sub-Committee of Management be and the same is by declared illegal and void.

8. That the action of the Sub-Committee of Management seeking to withdraw the charter of the District Grand Lodge No. 18, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, Jurisdiction of Georgia, be and the same is hereby declared illegal and that the charter of said District Grand Lodge is, and has at all times been of full force and effect.

9. It is further considered, ordered and adjudged that the so-called merger of the Endowment Bureau of the Household of Ruth with the Endowment Bureau of the District Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby declared legal and that the order of the Sub-Committee of Management declaring it null and void is of no force and effect.

10. That the meeting of the District Grand Lodge at Macon, Georgia, on the 14th day of August next, be permitted and directed by this Court for the purpose of transacting such business as can be legally transacted under the charter and by-laws of the said District Grand Lodge.

ANTLERED HERD ENDS SESSION

18th Annual Convention of I. B. P. O. E. W. Considered Greatest in Order's History—Cleveland Bedecked With Flags and Bunting—

By Staff Correspondent, Jas. B. Allen.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 31.—The staff correspondent to the News begs to apologize to the public for not having his manuscript re the Elks' Convention in time for the last issue, owing to reasons which have been previously explained through these columns. The following, however, is a fair and impartial account submitted for the benefit of our readers:

From the 48 States of the Union there were gathered in the city nearly 5,000 members of the Antlered Herd for the purpose of making history for Elkdom at its 18th annual session, which officially begun with the annual sermon on Sunday, Aug. 26, at Cory M. E. Church, Scovill avenue and East 35th street, at 7:30 p. m. The special preacher was Rev. Riley Woodard, of Portsmouth, Va., Grand Chaplain of the Order. At 7 p. m. it was impossible to gain admission to the church so great was the number of delegates, members and friends present. All Sunday and Monday delegates were arriving from every section and the city took on a holiday aspect. Mayor Davis, the big-hearted chief executive of the city, ordered that the freedom of all Cleveland be given to enhance the pleasure of the visitors.

The delegates from New York arrived by a special car over the Black Diamond Express, which had been transferred to the New York Central tracks at Buffalo, N. Y. They were accompanied by the delegates from New Jersey and Connecticut. The party was escorted as far as Easton, Pa., by F. E. Wells, agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

The public session was held in the First M. E. Church (white) on Monday at 7:30 p. m., the Mayor being represented by a member of his cabinet, who delivered an able address, extending the Mayor's welcome in behalf of the city.

The Grand Lodge was called in exxutive session by Grand Exalted Ruler Armond W. Scott, of Washington, D. C., at 10:30 Tuesday morning. Great enthusiasm prevailed on all hands for the success that had been achieved. No happier fraternal family ever gathered than that which came together to the singing of the Grand Old Hymn in the State Armory.

To the regret of all, what would have been a record parade in the history of the I. B. P. O. E. W. had to be disbanded after going a short distance by excessive rain, only to save the health of those taking part, as all showed a willingness to continue. It takes more than ordinary water to dampen the spirits of good Elks, which was exemplified by the nearly ten hundred marchers. Every automobile for hire in Cleveland was in use and after 10 a. m. it was impossible to secure one at any price.

The election of officers was practically the first business of the session and was satisfactory to all.

The Order throughout the country is enjoying an unusal prosperity and from every qarter came the joyous news of increasing membership, enlarged bank accounts and a better understanding between the white and colored branches of the Order. The increase in membership in the Grand Jurisdiction was more than 1,200 during the year.

It is safe to say that sporadic efforts to place obstacles in the way of the Order by litigation will meet with none of the success expected, as in most cases the courts have acted favorably to us when the facts had been heard.

The officers for the ensuing Grand Lodge year are as follows:

Grand Exalted Ruler, Armond W. Scott, Washington, D. C.; Grand Ext. Leading Kt., R. A. Brown, Norfolk, Va.; Grand Ext. Loyal Kt., J. Henri Lewis, Detroit, Mich.; Grand Ext. Lecturing Kt., Sam'l A. Bailey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Grand Secretary, George E. Bates (reelected), Jersey City, N. J.; Grand Treasurer, Bro. J. T. Carter (reelected), Richmond, Va.; Grand Esquire, P. H. Southall, Minneapolis, Minn.; Grand Inner Guard, Dr. H. B. Kennedy, North Carolina; Grand Tyler, Richard Kane, aHrtford, Conn.; Grand Trustee, Geo. Wibecan, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Baltimore was selected by an overwhelming vote as the next convention city, and already Antlers everywhere have started the slogan, On to Baltimore.

The convention closed with the grand ball in Dreamland Academy, which opened its doors to the people of our race for the first time. No words can adequately describe the beauty of the scene which met the eye as Elks and their friends danced to their hearts' content until the small hours of the morning. The 18th annual convention will go down in the history of the Order as one that made a record in speedy and useful legislation. We can feel but one thing, and that is, that colored Elkdom has come to stay. The records disclosed that the membership now comprises the bet men of the race from everywhere, proved to be Elks and determined that every bit of their ability and personality shall be exerted to make the Order bigger and better.

ODD FELLOWS TO HAVE TEMPLE IN NEW YORK

To Be Located in West 135th St., Between Seventh and Eighth Avenues.

The New York Age.

SIX HOUSES ARE PURCHASED

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Proposed Temple to Have a Frontage of 110 Feet and Will Contain Lodge Rooms and Halls—Officers of Distric Grand Lodge.

The Headquarters Building Association of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, State of New York, Inc., has purchased six houses in West 135th street between Seventh and Eighth avenues on which they plan to erect an Odd Fellows' Temple, having a frontage of 110 feet.

The proposed building will be built to meet the growing demands of the order and will be complete in every particular. The temple will be fitted out with modern lodge rooms and halls.

A mass meeting of Odd Fellows will be held at Bethel Church in West 132d street, Friday evening, March 2, when all details regarding the proposed temple will be taken up and explained. James F. Adair is president of the Building Association and Wilford H. Smith, counsel.

The officers of the District Grand Lodge are: W. David Brown, district grand master; William J. Smith, deputy grand master; James F. Adair, district grand secretary; J. Thomas Johnson, grand treasurer; James A. Glasgow, district grand director; Wilford H. Smith, district grand attorney; the Rev. James L. Pinn, special district grand deputy; the Rev. John C. Des Verney, district grand chancellor; Howard Vincent Fry, district grand supervisor-at-large; Edward Henry, John W. Mitchell and Theodore Joy Lee, members of the Board of Auditors.

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Hon. George Wilde, Philanthropist of England and Dr. E. P. Jones, President.

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Hon. George Wilde, of England, known throughout the United States, Canada and the West Indies, is here seen standing with President Jones. This picture was made by order of the A. M. C. at Burton-on-Trent, when Dr. Jones was representing the 500,000 Odd Fellows and Ruths of America. A visit had just been paid Sir Richard Cooper and his lady at their estate, some five hundred distinguished persons being in the party. It will be of interest to the Baptists of America to know that Hon George Wilde is at all times interested in the welfare and advancement of the colored people in America and has done much to encourage them. He is a friend of Lord Burton's, many times a millionaire, and is keenly interested in the Theological Seminary and Training School located at Nashville and owned by the Baptists of the United States.

"Thousands in England and Scotland are anxious to see and hear Dr. Boyd," said Dr. Jones, "and if the war was not now in progress I am sure we would be able to do much to relieve our present pressing demands. I have assurances of which I shall not now talk that will gladden the hearts of the Baptists of America. How Mr. Wilde has served in some of the most distinguished places throughout the kingdom and his word is respected and honored wherever he is known. I am pleading with the brethren of the convention to redeem their pledges and to remember the words of Dr. John W. Hurse of Kansas City, at Atlanta, that God would raise up for us friends of whom we know not if we would individually do our duty." Dr. Boyd, it is needless to say, is happy over the outlook and while he is not anxious to cross the Atlantic, he has never been known to shirk a duty, and it is a foregone conclusion that if he and Dr. Jones decide to go, the National Baptist Convention will become an institution, the work of which will reach the islands of the sea.

Big Colored Convention Is Holding Session

The Kansas City Sun.

OVER 800 DELEGATES FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE

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Grand Lodge of United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten in 47th Annual Session in Lexington, Missouri

Lexington, Mo.—Over eight hundred colored people from all parts of the state are in Lexington this week attending the forty-seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten. The Grand Lodge was called to order by Grand Master J. H. Williams of Kansas City Tuesday morning, and it was noticed that there were some very conspicuous characters among those present, including Dr. J. H. Williams, Dr. T. H. Phillips of Keokuk, Iowa, Captain C. H. Tandy of St. Louis, Prof. S. T. Petigrew of Huntsville, Mo., Hon. B. K. Bruce of Leavenworth, Kansas, Mr. Agee and many others who have been with the order almost from its beginning. Hon. Nelson Crews, Lawyer Callaway, Drs. G. W. Brown, J. T. Caston, J. R. Crossland, J. W. Hurse, Prof. C. G. Williams, with many others who have been leaders among their people in this state for many years.

This is one of the most progressive organizations in Missouri, composed wholly of members of Negro origin and managed exclusively by them. The church, place of men's meetings, the women's meeting places were dedicated by the ministers, members of the order. Drs. J. Goins, J. F. McDonald, Hon. Nelson Crews, Profs. P. C. Givens and R. L. Logan were appointed reporters.

Tuesday afternoon an address of welcome was delivered to the convention by Mayor Louis Minor. Hon. C. C. Callaway of Kansas City responded. Mr. Hagwood of Lexington in a brief address informally handed over the keys of the city to Grand Master Williams. Mrs. Luella Davis addressed the meeting on behalf of the Temples and the response was made by Mrs. Myrtle Groves of Moberly, Mo. Rev. Smith for churches, response by Rev. H. W. Botts. Rev. Brooks for colored citizens, response by Dr. J. W. Hurse. All were splendid addresses and responses and great interest was shown. The following were appointed as a committee to address a letter to President Wilson in the interest of the race: Prof. J. W. Damel, Hon. Nelson Crews, Dr. J. R. Crossland, Hon. W. C. Houston and Hon. C. H. Callaway.

A joint session of the lodges was held Wednesday afternoon, the grand officers making their reports. Opening ode was sung. H. W. Botts offered invocation. Captain C. H. Tandy, master of ceremonies. Dr. J. H. Williams, Grand Master, delivered his annual message. He reported new organizations as follows: lodges, 3; temples, 3; juveniles, 10; royal house, 6; grand total, 22. Number of deaths, 200. It was one of the best addresses ever delivered to the Grand Session. Drs. T. H. Phillips J. F. McDonald, Mrs. Anna Floyd Lawyer W. C. Houston and Prof. J. W. Damiel discussed the address with interest. The grand princess, Mrs. Etta M. Bolton, made her annual address. It was one of the most timely and practical addresses ever made to this organization. Many of the members of the joint session spoke complimentary of the address. Following is the grand officers' report:

Grand Secretary S. T. Petigrew:

Number of men members, 4,300.

Number of women members, 7,680.

Number of Juveniles, 3,900.

Grand total of members, 15,880.

Money received from the lodges, $19,165.42.

Money received from the temples, $34,097.61.

Money received from the juveniles,

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$2,436.76.

Money received additionally, $65.70

Grand total endowment received $55,765.49.

Grand lodge revenue, $1,972.80.

Grand total from all sources: $63.359.63.

The reports showed that the orphans' home at Hannibal and the printing establishment at Sedalia owned and controlled by the organization, was in a splendid condition.

One of the most interesting features of the session Wednesday afternoon was the christening of Dr. T. H Phillips' baby boy. The ceremony was performed by Capt. C. H. Tandy. Dr. Phillips is one of the oldest members of the organization and has served as Grand Master.

Wednesday night a memorial service was held and the following program was rendered: Dr. T. H. Phillips acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. G. W. Dickerson offered invocation. Roll of deceased members was read by Prof. S. T. Petigrew. Solo by Mrs. Sarah Mammett. Duet by Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith. Eulogy on behalf of Grand Lodge, Hon. W. C. Houston. Eulogy on behalf of Grand Temple, Mrs. M. E. Bolden. Poem by Mrs. Anna Roberts. Solo by Mrs. Allie Hancock. Memorial sermon by Rev. J. Goins. Hon. Nelson Crews made an address on behalf of the lodge.

The Sisters of the Mysterious Ten have collected about $3,000 during this year. Quite a number of women from various sections of the United States are in attendance. The women's department shows a marked progress and in numbers and finance have startled all other organizations. Grand Princess M. Etta Bolden is a splendid executive officer and has presided to the entire satisfaction of the Grand Temple.

A number of reports have already been made which showed splendid progress. Today will be spent in rendering reports and the discussion of the same. This afternoon, Thursday, will be given to the election of officers of both the men and women's departments. Friday a grand picnic will be the feature of the day and the installation of officers will be held.

The Grand Lodge is very thankful and appreciative for the courtesies shown by the white people of the city, which have been equal to any place where the Grand Lodge has ever been held. The joint session was elated over the address of the mayor, Mr. Minor, and was loud in their praise of him, he having delivered one of the most interesting addresses ever made to the Grand Lodge and Temple.

Dr. Phillips made a telling address to the session this morning and he was greatly applauded.

Dr. J. T. Caston, the grand treasurer, who has served as grand master and in many other departments, as well as the treasurer, which he now holds, has been indisposed although he is present and is giving great assistance by his council and wisdom. The same can be said of Captain Tandy, who has been one of the most conspicuous characters in the Grand Lodge for many years.—Lexington

National Grand Lodge Mosaic Templars Holds Four Days Session In Little Rock

The Wanguard

Arkansas Baptist College, Military Headquarters. Great and Grand Parade Challengs Respect of White Press.

7/19/17

CITY GIVES RIGHT OF WAY FOR SAME

The National Order of Mosaic Templars of America held its Thirty-seventh annual sessions in the Mosaic Temple Ninth and Broadway July 10th 13th, 1917. Besides Arkansas, the home state of the order, the following states were represented:

Alabama, Kentucky, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, with their Grand Masters, and strong local delegations. Other states were represented with smaller The meetings were specially featured with many interesting phases besides the regular deliberations.

The Welcome Addresses

formed a leading feature of the first part of the sessons, which were delivered by Judge Isgrig, representing the City Government, Hon. Ben Brickhouse representing the State Government, Mr. J. B. Wood, Grand Master of Tennessee responded to Judge Isgrig, and Roscoe Congling Simmons responded to Hon. Ben Brickhouse. The Temple was crowded beyond comfort, and many were turned away being denied admission because of the enormous crowds within. Judge S. A. Jones of this City was Master of Ceremonies on that occasion, and presided with grace and precision.

Memorial Day

was observed Tuesday, practically all day, taking cognizance of all the useful and renown leaders who had passed away since the last grand session. Such men as the late D. G. Hill, Miss Leona Richmond, J. W. Harris, State Grand Master of Tennessee, Wm. Alexander, 1st lamented National Grand Master and finally the late John Edward Bush.

The Bush Memorial

naturally eclipsed all other memorials during the session owing to the fact that he was one of the founders of the order, along with the well-known Chester W. Keattes. National Grand Auditor John H. McConico was the leading speaker for that occasion, and he did great honor to his subject and to himself. He was followed by Rev. John W. Goodgame, of Alabama, who was followed by Grand Master Eliliott. At the close of this series of addresses, Drs. E. C. Morris, J. P. Robinson, and Jos. A. Booker were introduced. Each made short talks bearing upon the life and character of the late John E. Bush.

The Grand Parade

was the striking feautre of the third day's proceedings, in addition to the regular deliberations. The parade was formed on the campus of the Arkansas Baptist College, and proceeded north on High street to Ninth, and east on Ninth to Center, and north on Center to Second, east on Second to Main, south on Main to Ninth and west on Ninth to Broadway, where the whole grand parade was viewed by the officers of the order.

The Arkansas Gazette said:

Under command of Gen. Frank A. Young, commander of the uniform rank, the Mosaic parade yesterday afternoon was one of the finest demonstrations ever seen in Little Rock. Thousands of persons stood along the streets of the line of march and applauded the Mosaic soldiers, the decorated automobiles and carriages and the state floats.

The float carrying the office force of the Mosaic temple, the automobile of the Tennessee officials, and those of the officers and the Little Rock representatives attracted much notice General Young has built up the Uniform Rank in three years.

Tonight the competitive prize drill will be held at Kavanaugh park, along with the denomination of the Uniform Rank. Inspection, dress parade and review will precede the contest of 15 ranks and auxiliaries for prizes agregating $1,500.

Three bands will furnish music, and General Young announces that provision will be made for the accommodation of white people, who will find a warm welcome.

Reports and Election of Owcers came in as the features combined for the third day. This seemed to give no trouble, as the officers were easily re-elected, and likewise their reports were highly satisfactory. Grand Master Elliot, Grand Secretary C. E. Bush, and Grand Monumental Secretary E. A. Bush, and Grand Auditor J. H. McConnico were all re-elected without opposition and practically without delay.

The Competitive Drill

among the companies of the Uniform Rank, took place at Kavanaugh Fields (old West End Park) Friday night closing out with an entertainment at the Mosaic Temple.

Prominent State Officers were present and aided in conducting the National Grand Lodge in the following manner: Grand Master P. H. Jordan of Arkansas, Grand Master J. B. Woods of Tennessee, P. S. G. M. G. W. Mitchell of Alabama Grand Master L. L. Powell of Alabama, and Grand Chaplain, Rt. Reverend Bishop R. S. Williams, of Tennessee. The Triennial Session Closed to meet again in this place July 1920.

NEGRO PYTHIANS IN SESSION HERE

ST LOUIS MO REPUBLIC

AUGUST 22, 1917

Parade and Patriotic Demonstration Mark First Day of Supreme Lodge Meet.

In an address before the supreme lodge of the Colored Knights of Pythias at the Pythian Temple, 3137 Pine street, yesterday, Mary C. Talbert of Buffalo, N. Y., made an eloquent plea for funds for the Frederick Douglass memorial. She declared that the National Federation of Women's Clubs, of which she is president, is raising subscriptions in all parts of the country to preserve the home of the famous negro orator.

The nineteenth biennial session of the Colored Knights of Pythias convened at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The two sessions of the day were devoted principally to organization and committee assignments.

Roscoe Conkling Simmons, a nephew of Booker T. Washington, was appointed editor of the session, and J. E. Smith, assistant supreme keeper of records and seals. Joseph J. Jones of Ohio, supreme vice chancellor, presided at the opening of the Supreme Court of Calanthe, the women's branch of the order, which has a membership of 100,000.

At the opening session of the Supreme Court of Calanthe addresses were made by Bertha Buckner of St. Louis, Zenobia Williams, Christine Buggs, Emma Joe Cockerall, Nashville, Tenn., and Willie Hill, Savannah, Ga.

"We were able to furnish from the Pythians nearly 100 young men for the officers' training camp in Des Moines," said Supreme Chancellor Jones in his address, "and we are going to furnish our part for the great war."

The officers and members of the Pythians took part in a big parade and patriotic demonstration last night. The principal social event of the week will be a grand military ball to-night at the Coliseum.

Secret Societies – 1917

Wisconsin Weekly Blade

FLEETY--CUNNING--CRAFTY--SHY

Office of Supreme Grand Lodge, G. U. O. W. of W. 4/26/17.

Louisville, Ky., April 9th. 1917.

ToOur Deputies and Prospective Members. Fraternal Greeting:--

According to custom and by virtue of the power vested in me as S. G. L. W. of the G. U. O. W. of W. of the World, I do hereby declare a special dispensation to become effective April 16th, 1917, extending through forty-five days (45), unless a supplementary order is issued from my office by the S. G. R. W. and S. G. L. W. You are hereby authorized to solicit members, Male, Female and Juvenile for a Local Pack, Den or Litter. The joining fee during this dispensation will be the small sum of $2.75. After which the fee will be $25.00, unless modified through my office. Write for terms and rates to Deputies. The last words in Fraternalism Supreme Lodge.

EDWARD FLAKNER, S. G. R. W., 1106 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky.

NEGRO FRATERNITY IS HEAVY BOND SUBSCRIBER

Houston Observer 10/27/17

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 23.—During the speech of Secretary McAdoo here Monday a representative of the Mosaic Templars, a national Negro fraternity, which has headquarters here, handed the secretary a check for $50,000, the order's subscription to Liberty Bonds. It also subscribed for $40,000 of the first loan. 10-29-17

In thanking the representative, Secretary McAdoo said:

"I feel proud of the colored people of America. They have in this practical manner given evidence of their patriotism and have proved anew that they are worthy of citizenship in this great republic. They have set an example which all patriotic citizens would do well to emulate."

SECOND CENTENNIAL OF MASONRY CELEBRATED

5-24-17

(Special to The New York Age)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The thirty-sixth and twelfth triennial session of the United Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States convened in this city May 14. The sessions continued two days. On Tuesday, May 15, the triennial election of officers was held. In the evening McAlvay Consistory No. 1 of Philadelphia tendered a banquet to the visitors. The present session of the Supreme Council was the most largely attended of any held. The Scottish Rite work among colored people is growing rapidly and especially so during the past year. The membership in the entire jurisdiction has increased both in numbers of members and new consistories formed. Howard A. Gould was chairman of the local committee of arrangements.

On Monday evening, the Grand Lodge of this State, the subordinate lodges, Knights Templar and Consistory led by Cornucopia Masonic Band, paraded to Bethel A. M. E. Church, where services were held in commemoration of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of England, who founded free masonry in England 200 years ago.

New York Age

Elks Re-elect Scott; Baltimore, Md., Will Get Next Convention

Cleveland, O., Sept. 7.—As a forceful endorsement of the administration of Armond W. Scott, Washington, D. C., as grand exalted ruler, delegates attending the eighteenth annual session of the Independent and Benevolent Order of Elks of the World here last week re-elected him by acclamation to serve for another year. Mr. Scott is a prominent attorney of the capitol city, an orator of exceptional power and is generally popular in Elk circles. Other capdidates withdrew hastily when it was seen on the start that he was so popular. Among other officers elected were: George Bates, Newark, N. J., re-elected grand secretary; Lee J. Brown, Richmond, Va., esteemed leading light; W. E. Wibbisen, New York city, grand trustee. Ladies of the grand temple re-elected Mrs. M. A. Hodges, Richmond, Va., grand daughter ruler; Mrs. Mollie DeBran, Cleveland, grand vice daughter ruler; Mrs. Corbin, New York city, assistant; Mrs. Frances Young, Hampton, Va., grand treasurer; Mrs. E. V. Kelley, grand secretary; Mrs. Emma Cherry, Norfolk, Va., assistant; Mrs. Susie Williams, Richmond, Va., chaplain. Baltimore, Md., was selected for the 1918 convention.

Convention Flashlights

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Paramore had as their guests at their popular hostelry on East 49th street last week some of the most prominent Elks and their ladies, among whom were G. Wallace Edwards and brother, William E. Edwards, Asbury Park, N. J.; Attorney Frank Wheaton, New York city; Jacob Carter, P. G. E. R., Albion, N. Y.; Robert Martin and Walker Adams, New York city; Miss Lizzie Bunn and Miss Tillie Kirk, Asbury Park, N. J. Archie Thomas, Buckeye lodge No. 73, Youngstown, Ohio, one of the most popular visitors here last week, is steward of the Youngstown Golf club.

Over 2,000 people are said to have attended the Elks' ball last week. Excellent music was furnished by John Fairfax's orchestra of thirty pieces J. E. Fountain, who officiated at the door as auto director, attired most attractively in full livery uniform, estimated 600 autos were in use for the evening.

William K. Young, popular caterer and member of Monumental Lodge, No 3, Baltimore, Md., was guest of his brother, F. E. Young, 1256 East Eighty-third street, Elks week.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 40, was represented by an attractive delegation headed by Thomas F. Harper. Other members were Samuel E. Jones, Alexander Taylor, J. A. Upshaw, Thomas P. Green, Phil B. Brooks and General J. Clay Smith. The lady Elks were Mmes. A. C. Dunlap, Charity Ward and Celia Jackson. They carried one of the most striking banners in the parade.

The delegation from Monumental Lodge, No. 3, Baltimore, Md., won the 1918 convention without any effort seemingly. They carried on a "gum shoe" campaign that won the admiration of the convention. G. E. L. McMeechen headed the delegation, followed by Asa Porter, Charles Robinson, Thomas H. Buckingham, Joseph Matthews, Samuel T. Hensley, William Lewis, William Smith, Dolbert Jackson, George A. Watty, Thomas R. Smith, Raymond Coates, Jeremiah Hill, Richard Morsell and Lewis Williams. Each Baltimore "rooter" was adorned with a blue tag.

Iron City Lodge, No. 17, Pittsburg, Pa., was accompanied by two splendid bands, which "whooped her up pretty lively" for the boys all through the session. Messrs. Rush Shelton, Jack Robinson, B. W. Worthington, Frank Sutton, Ollie Brown, Lott Wade, Casey and Bland were among the "good fellows" who composed this delegation.

Jackson's military band of Cleveland thirty-two pieces, made a splendid impression.

Among the most important committees deserving unstinted praise for the success of the convention was the general executive committee, James W Starkey, chairman; Councilman T. W Fleming, secretary; Juriman C. Hudson, assistant; Charles S. Smith, treasurer; Mrs. Mary De Poran and Mrs Mamie Rose; decoration committee, W H. Brooks, chairman; Dr. B. H. Lawrence, G. H. Greenbrier, John Good, J A. Clinton, C. H. Chambers, J. R Clark, William Hite, C. W. Chisholm, Court Johnson, W. I. Noble, Jesse Johnson, Warren Achison, A. H. Dorsey, M. B. Woods and C. M. Turner; the parade committee, headed by C. P. Lancaster and Major R. N. Dillard; the music committee, J. W. Wills, chairman; Dr. G. B. Goggins, A. B. Edwards, W. J. Cossey, James Thomas, E. A. Howell, James Wilson, W. F. Burton, Walton Blue and W. H. Early; reception committee, headed by Colonel J. E. Reed, chairman; J. H. Beckwith, C. E. Gordon, B. M. Shook, J. H. Weaver, I. E. Turner, Frank Barrett, W. A. Hart, Mrs. M. De Bran and Mrs. Mamie Rose.

NEGROES COMING FOR JUBILEE

Richmond Va Journal

AUGUST 20, 1917

Mayor Will Welcome Delegates to Order of St. Luke Gathering Called for Tomorrow

Delegates began pouring into Richmond today for one of the greatest assemblages of colored folks this city has

(over)

ever seen which will hold its opening meeting in the Fifth Baptist Church (colored) tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The Independent Order of St. Luke, which will begin celebration of its fiftieth anniversary here at that time, is a national organization and one of the most worthy and influential colored associations in the country. It is expected to bring to this city more than 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country.

Members of the executive committee met at 10 o'clock this morning and put finishing touches to the arrangements for the reception of the convention. The meeting here is called the "golden jubilee" and marks a half century or worthy endeavor by deserving colored folk for the uplift of the negro race. There will be a public meeting tomorrow night to which Mayor Ainslie and the city officials have been invited.

Mayor Ainslie has been asked to make an address of welcome. Among the speakers at the meeting tomorrow night are Nannie Burroughs, superintendent of the National Training School for Negro Girls at Lincoln Heights, District of Columbia, and Armond Scott, exalted ruler of the Elks in Washington. The occasion will be presided over by the Rev. J. C. Garner, of Washington, grand chief.

Providence, R. I.

JAN 22 1917

COLORED OD. FELLOWS DEDICATE NEW BUILDING

Ceremonies Held at Structure on Cranston Street.

The new three-story lodge building of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows at 314 Cranston street was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies yesterday afternoon. The dedication marks the culmination of 30 years of effort by the members of this lodge of colored people to obtain a permanent home of their own.

The building is of brick, with a store on the ground floor and a small hall in the rear, a large hall on the second floor and other rooms for various activities of the lodge on the third floor. The building was authorized on April 30, 1914, when $20,000 was appropriated for the purpose. Ground was broken on Aug. 16, 1915, the cornerstone was laid July 16, 1916, and the structure was completed in December.

F. I. Johnson was master of ceremonies at the dedication. Rev. L. W. Boynton, D. D., gave the opening prayer. Dr. W. H. Higgins thanked the people of Providence and the members of the order for their assistance in making the structure a reality, in his address of dedication. J. G. LeCount gave a history of the organization and its attempts to secure a home of its own. Other addresses were made by W. A. Heathman, who spoke on the benefits of fraternalism; M. R. Armstrong, who urged the members to show what they could do as a race in an organization for fraternal purposes, and W. H. Gross, who presented the original charter of the society to the lodge.

F. A. Brown recited a poem, and Miss Ethel Warwick, Miss Oliva L. Williams and Asa Mars sang solos. Several ex-presidents of the order, visiting members, and members of the two Households, the woman's auxiliary of the order, gave brief addresses. Several hymns were sung by the audience, which filled the hall.

NEW COLORED ORDER HELD MEET AT DENVER

INDIANAPOLIS (IND.) NEWS

AUGUST 25, 1917

American Woodmen of America, A Fraternal Insurance Organization, Makes a Favorable Impression.

[Special to The Ledger.]

DENVER, Col., Aug. 23.—The fourth quadrenial session of the American Woodmen, a colored fraternal insurance organization, was held here last week, closing last Sunday night. Governor Gunter and Mayor Speer were among the speakers who welcomed the 700 delegates. The sessions were in session six days at the Auditorium. The American Woodmen, of Denver, are said to be one of the strongest colored fraternal organizations of America, and has a membership of 50,000. The delegates here last week were from all of the southern states and many northern states were represented.

C. M. White is supreme commander of the American Woodmen, and L. H. Lightner is supreme clerk. Both are Denver men.

OHIO COLORED PYTHIANS IN STATE CONVENTION

CINCINNATI TRIBUNE

AUGUST 25, 1917

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias (Colored), convened at the Zion Baptist Church at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Vice Grand Chancellor Dr. W. . Nelson presided. Special musical program constituted the first part of the program. Various committees were then appointed. A promenade at the north wing of Music Hall completed the first day's ceremonies.

Other features of the three-day convention are as follows: Wednesday, a moonlight picnic at the Crawford's Old Men's Home; Thursday, grand street parade at 2:30 p.m. In the evening there will be a competition drill by the various companies of the Uniform Rank, closing with a banquet and a dance at Music Hall.

Exodus to North Is Condemned by Negro Lodge Here

FT WORTH TEXAS TELEGRAM

JULY 6, 1917

The exodus of negro labor to the North, which has been blamed for recent race riots, was strongly condemned in resolutions adopted by the Ancient Order of Pilgrims, a negro fraternal organization, in session Friday at the Negro Masonic Temple. The resolutions advise the negro to remain in the South and endeavor to merit the good will of the Southerner, who is declared to be his friend.

There are 256 delegates to the convention.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: B. M. Grimes of Houston, S. W. S.; Rev. S. J. Dixon of Houston, S. W. V. S.; J. D. Ryan of Houston, S. W. R.; Jess Washington of Seguin, S. M. L.; Clem Balden of Houston, S. W. C.; Dr. F. W. Warren of Tyler, W. C. Conway and R. G. Lackett of Houston, supreme trustees; V. H. McKinney, T. D. Mitchell and L. D. Harrison of Houston, B. J. Mathis of Marlin and L. D. Lyons of Houston, supreme council; Dr. H. E. Lee of Houston, S. M.; Emma J. Masely of Austin, S. W. P.; Lovin Williams of Marshall, S. W. J. U.; W. E. Brown of Corpus Christi, S. W. I.; Nonie Collins of Beeville, H. J. Elder of Houston, beneficiary relief board.

A parade is planned for this afternoon at 5 o'clock, followed by the public installation of officers in Douglas Park at 8 o'clock.

Washington, D. C.

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REMODEL COLORED I. O. O. F. TEMPLE.

Opening of the remodeled and newly equipped auditorium of Odd Fellows' Temple, Tenth and Orange streets, will be celebrated this evening with a social and dance, under the auspices of the Colored Odd Fellows' Social Club. An address will be given by Charles H. Brooks, former grand secretary of the order. The public is invited to inspect the rooms during the evening. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock. John W. Chippey is president of the club and Benjamin O'Bayard secretary.

NEGRO PYTHIANS HOLDING SESSION

BIRMINGHAM ALA NEWS

AUGUST 16, 1917

R. A. Blount, Grand Chancellor, Reports Good Progress of State Order.

The negro grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias, which opened its session here Tuesday morning, shows ten thousand members, and $43,000 collected this year for endowment funds. The order owns the building in Brimingham, which is estimated to be worth $150,000.

R. A. Blount is Grand Chancellor, and four hundred delegates are assembled here. Over two thousand people witnessed the public exercises Tuesday night in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge Wednesday declare that "in this crucial moment of the nations all the world is in the most dreadful conflict known in history. The age calls for the full sympathy and endorsement of every American citizen. Therefore be it resolved, that the negro Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Alabama, endorse every move of President Woodrow Wilson and commend his wise legislative, judicial and executive manner in which he has handled the great war situation. Resolved, also, that we assure him that there are no slackers in our ranks."

Pythian Temple day will be celebrated Thursday afternoon at Tidewater Park, Fifth Avenue and Thirtieth Streets, in which some of the leading orators of the State will speak; the uniform rank of three different lodges will put on a prize drill; a similar drill of this kind was held Wednesday night at the Excelsior skating rink, the honor for which was given to No. 15, of Ensley. All officers were re-elected with the exception of Knight Dorsey, of Mobile, who was elected on the board of directors.

Chronicle

Spokane Wash

SEP 12 191

COLORE MASONS TO HONOR CHIEF

Rev. J. A. Nelson of Tacoma State Grand Master, to Visit Lodge Tomorrow.

Rev. J. A. Nelson of Tacoma, grand master of the Masonic lodge (colored) of Washington, will make his annual visit to Inland Empire lodge No. 3 Free and Accepted Masons (colored) of Spokane, tomorrow evening at Keller hall.

Yesterday morning Mr. Nelson occupied the pulpit at the Calvin Baptist church and preached at Bethlehem Methodist church in the evening. He is being entertained during his visit in Spokane by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Larson, Herbert Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Crump and Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Ryan.

After the business meeting Tuesday evening, Inland Empire lodge No. 3 and the women of the Eastern Star will give a banquet in honor of Mr. Nelson in the lodge rooms at Keller hall. Besides Mr. Nelson, toasts will be responded to by F. L. Wilson, district deputy grand master, Walter Larson and others.

CLEVELAND, O., PRESS

AUGUST 28, 1917

NEGRO ELKS PARADE AND BEGIN SESSIONS

First business sessions of the annual convention of negro Elks here were held Tuesday in Grays Armory.

There was a patriotic street parade at noon.

In the afternoon and evening visitors were to go to Luna Park for speaking, a ball game, dancing, and other entertainment.

Visitors Monday night attended a reception, at which Armond W. Scott, head of the Elks, said members of his race are loyal and willing to serve the country.

Police allowed pool rooms in the Central-av neighborhood to remain open, so delegates who could find no quarters elsewhere might sleep on the pool tables.

NEGRO ODD FELLOWS ANXIOUS TO SETTLE TROUBLES OF ORDER

Constitution 6-16-17

With a view to finding a way out of the angled affairs of their order, which has been involved in serious litigation for some time, leaders among the negro Odd Fellows of Atlanta have called a mass meeting for 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Butler Street Methodist church.

Several prominent attorneys have been asked to address the meeting, including Hollins N. Randolph, Albert Howell, Arthur Heyman and J. L. Anderson. Among the negro leaders who will offer their advice are Bishops R. A. Carter, L. H. Holsey and J. S. Flipper, the Revs. L. H. King, A. D. Williams, D. W. Cannon, W. A. Fountain and E. H. Oliver and Alfonso Herndon, A. Graves and S. Cunningham.

One of the leaders, E. L. Collier, declared Wednesday that 95 per cent of the Georgia members of the order were in favor of sustaining the national subcommittee of management at Philadelphia in its orders suspending two Georgia officials—Davis and Ingram.

The latest move in the litigation is a suit by J. C. Ross, a former officer of Century lodge, and others, seeking to prevent former members of Century lodge from applying to the subcommittee of management for admission to some other lodge.

An effort will be made to raise $1,000 as an immediate emergency fund.

Chicago Defender 10-4-17

The thirteenth session of the supreme lodge of Woodmen of Union, comprising the states of Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas, was held at Helena, Ark., with the supreme president, L. J. Winston of Yazoo City, Miss., presiding. Delegates from 600 lodges were present. This order claims to have paid out a quarter of a million dollars in the thirteen years of its history.